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Included are a brief introduction, brief biographies of the new national FFA officers; the official delegates list; the day-by-day minutes of the convention; lists of the recipients of special recognition awards; the texts of addresses given by previous year's national officers; a brief description of the agricultural career show; committee, treasurer, and executive treasurer reports; a list of the winners of the various National Foundation awards and contests; and the program of national FFA activities for 1974. (BP)

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As FFA members, students of vocational agriculture education participate in activities that enable them to apply what they learn in the classroom. The organization also provides incentives and recognizes student achievements.

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It is the purpose of the vocational agriculture/FFA program to provide technically trained, capable, enthusiastic leaders For Tomorrow's Agriculture.

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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America (FFA) is the national organization of students studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools, under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. The active membership is 447,577 in 7,798 chapters.

The primary aim of the FFA organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of youth in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of agricultural occupations; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities and supplementing, by means of student-initiated and student-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to students regularly enrolled in vocational agriculture courses.

The FFA has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National headquarters of the FFA is located in the National FFA Center at Alexandria, Virginia.

The 46th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, October 16 - 19, 1973. The over 15,500 who registered from 50 chartered associations for that youthful exposition of progressive leadership development, together with many representatives from foreign countries, must surely have returned home with a stronger belief in the future of agriculture.

The minutes of the convention sessions are included, along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the convention activities. Thanks are due many persons whose leadership and dedicated efforts made possible one of the most successful conventions in the history of the FFA.

WM. PAUL GRAY
National Executive Secretary

NATIONAL FFA OFFICERS, 1973-74

G. MARK MAYFIELD, a 20-year old agribusinessman is the 1973-74 National FFA President. Mark has a herd of crossbred cows and calves but his main agricultural interest is the Mayfield Construction Company, which specializes in construction and installation of agricultural materials handling equipment. Mark played an active role in the FFA serving two terms as president of the Caney FFA Chapter, one term as district vice president, and a term as president of the Kansas FFA Association. He was also an FFA representative on the President's White House Conference on Youth. As a senior Mark was recognized by the National Honor Society and by Who's Who in High Schools. Now a junior at Kansas State University, Mark is studying agricultural education.

FREDERICK McCLURE, 20, is the National FFA Secretary. Fred maintains a small beef herd on the home farm and has been active in school and FFA activities. He served as chapter, district and area FFA president, and recently completed a term as president of the Texas FFA Association. Fred was president of his high school class in his junior and senior years and was editor of the high school yearbook for three years. He represented the Texas FFA on the Governor's Conference on Vocational-Technical Education and the Governor's Manpower Planning Committee. He also served as counselor for the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D. C. A freshman in biochemistry at Texas A & M, Fred is interested in agricultural research or medicine.

KEITH MOHLER, 19, is the Central Region Vice President. He grew up on a 400-acre farm where the principal crops are corn, soybeans, tomatoes and cucumbers. In 1972 Keith changed his career objective to agribusiness, taking a job with the nearby Del Monte tomato research farm. In the FFA he served as chapter president and secretary and was a delegate to the National FFA Convention. In 1972 he was elected president of the Indiana FFA Association. His activities were not confined to the FFA, however, as Keith served on the high school legislative assembly at the state level, was member of the National Honor Society and was a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. Keith plans to prepare for a career in plant breeding and agronomic research.

DOYLE O. WAYBRIGHT, a 20-year old dairy farmer, is the North Atlantic Region Vice President. Doyle lives on a 1,300 acre crop and dairy farm. He recently became a managing partner in the three family dairy operation which currently milks nearly 500 cows. Doyle was president of the Gettysburg FFA chapter and in 1971-72 served as president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. He was winner of the 1971 state FFA public speaking contest in his state and served on the 1972 national FFA nominating committee. Doyle plans to return to the home farm where he will continue to build his equity and take more responsibility in the family farming corporation.

JAY LOREN PHILLIPS, 20, is the Pacific Region Vice President. Jay's farming program is a hog feeding operation that fattens 500 pigs yearly. In the FFA Jay served as chapter vice president and later as president. In 1972-73 he was secretary of the Utah FFA Association. He participated on several judging teams, placed second as Star State Farmer, was a contestant in the Pacific Region Public Speaking Contest and received the state livestock production proficiency award in 1972. Jay is a student at Utah State University where he is a junior studying food science technology. He plans to seek a career in animal nutrition in the feed industry.

JIMMY ALVAREZ, 20, is the National Vice President of the Southern Region. He owns a herd of beef cows and raises about 144,000 broilers annually. Jimmy first served the FFA as chapter vice president and later as chapter president. In 1971 he was elected president of the Florida FFA Association. While in high school, Jimmy was president of the sophomore class and was a junior leader in the National Horticulture Association. He was also a member of the Student Council, the National Honor Society and captain of the football team. He was recognized for his achievements by the American Academy of Achievement and as a Outstanding Teenager of America. Jimmy has been studying agricultural education at Lake City Community College.

Six young men were elected to serve as National Officers in 1973-74, during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. They are: Fred McClure, National Secretary, G. Mark Mayfield, National President; Jimmy Alvarez, Southern Region Vice President; Keith Mohler, Central Region Vice President; Jay L. Phillips, Pacific Region Vice President; and Doyle Daybright, North Atlantic Region Vice President.

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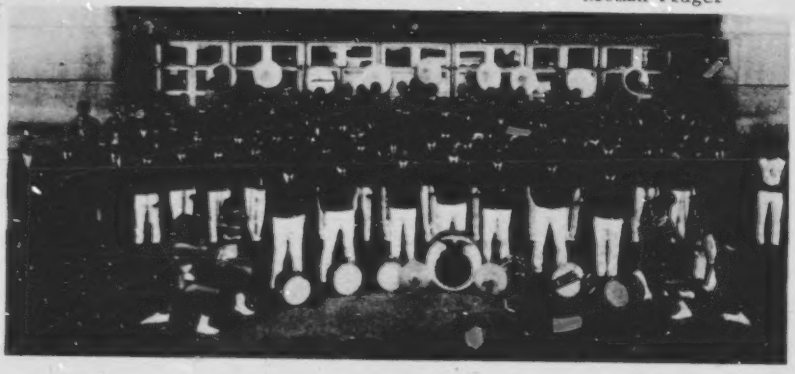
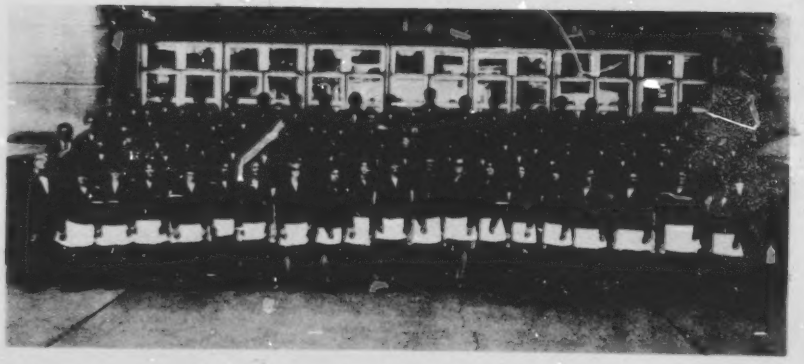


1973 National FFA Band



1973 National FFA Chorus

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1973

General Business Session

The General Business Session of the 46th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, convening in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at 2:00 o'clock, by President Dwight Seegmiller, of Deforah, Iowa.

Following the Roll Call of States, it was moved by Byrd, of Georgia, seconded by Bearden, of Oklahoma, and carried that the Minutes of the 45th National FFA Convention be approved as they appear in the 1972 Convention Proceedings.

President Seegmiller announced the appointment of the Nominating, Auditing and Program of Activities Committees.

Vice President Daugherty assumed the chairm. Music was then presented by Steve Hofing, convention organist, from Petersburg, Illinois.

J. M. Campbell, National FFA Treasurer, presented his report. Blankenship, of Alabama, moved the acceptance of Mr. Campbell's report; motion seconded by Heinrich, of California, and carried.

Cupps, of Missouri, presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Edwards, of Florida, and carried.

Kenney, of Rhode Island, presented the report of the National FFA Supply Service Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jackson of Indiana, and carried.

Wilson, of Kansas, presented the report of the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Jones, of Alabama, and carried.

Giacomini, of California, presented the report of the National FFA Week Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Morrow, of New Mexico, and carried.

Brashears, of Oklahoma, presented the report of the National Program of Activities Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by McKain, of Indiana, and carried.

Edwards, of Florida, presented the report of the National Degree Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pearce, of North Dakota. Final approval of this report was postponed until after the Constitutional amendments were considered.

Best, of New Mexico, presented the report of the National Contests Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by DeBruin, of Wisconsin, and carried.

McNulty, of Oregon, presented the report of the National Chapter Awards Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Morrow, of New Mexico, and carried.

Bouldin, of Alabama, read a resolution pertaining to the contribution made to the FFA by Mr. James V. Smith, former Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration, and moved the acceptance of this resolution by the delegates; motion seconded by Wilson, of Tennessee, and carried.

Schley, of Minnesota, presented the report of the National Awards Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Edwards, of Virginia, and carried.

Fletcher, of New York, presented the report of the National Leadership Conferences' Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Davidson, of South Carolina, and carried.

Nofziger, of Michigan, presented the report of the Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences' Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Pluhar, of Montana, and carried.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

National Advisor H. N. Hunsicker, presented the names of the individuals who were recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree, Distinguished Service Award and VIP recognition. It was moved by Wilson, of Kansas, seconded by Whitlow, of Tennessee, and carried that the Honorary American Farmer Degree, Distinguished Service Award and VIP recognition be conferred upon the persons recommended.

Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, presented his report. It was moved by Coles, of New Jersey, seconded by Cogan, of Pennsylvania, and carried, to accept the report of the National Executive Secretary, and that this convention go on record as commending Mr. Gray for another year of service to the FFA.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at four fifty o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973

Morning Session

The Opening Session of the 46th National FFA Convention convened in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, at nine o'clock, with President Seegmiller presiding.

Following the Opening Ceremony, the Report of Delegate Credentials was called for and Secretary Goolsby reported 115 delegates present from 50 chartered associations.

The Posting of Colors was presented by the Color Guard from the Richards Gebaur Air Force Base, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by the National FFA Band and Chorus.

Colonel James E. Bean, United States Air Force, presented an inspiring address, after which he was presented a memento of his participation in the convention.

The Invocation was delivered by Tim Burke, National FFA President, 1971-72. President Seegmiller then awarded Tim a special plaque of appreciation.

President Seegmiller made a brief address of welcome, and the candidates for National FFA Office were introduced.

The pageant "For Tomorrow's Agriculture" which depicted the story of the true American agriculture was presented.

Following music by the National FFA Chorus, under the direction of Marvin Myers, of West Lafayette, Indiana, Vice President Daugherty presented an address "It's About Time." Gutshall, of Missouri, moved the acceptance of this address; motion seconded by Byrd, of Georgia, and carried.

Music was then presented by the National FFA Band under the direction of Roger Heath, of Lafayette, Indiana.

The Address of Welcome was given by the Honorable Charles B. Wheeler, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri. He was then presented with the Official FFA Cordurory Overseas' Cap to add to his hat collection and an FFA Windbreaker. Mayor Wheeler presented President Seegmiller with a key to the City and asked that he wear it in behalf of all FFA members in Kansas City.

Mr. William Tice, President of the American Royal, was introduced and made brief remarks. President Seegmiller then presented Mr. Tice with a plaque from the FFA saluting the American Royal Association on its Diamond Jubilee.

Mr. Jim Leathers, President of the FFA-Kansas City Advisory Council, was introduced. Mr. Herbert Wilson, former President of the American Royal, was then introduced and presented a small plaque in appreciation for his part in providing the medallions to those attending the convention.

Secretary Goolsby presented the National Officers' Yearly Report, which showed in slide form the activities and highlights of the officers during the past year. Hagood, of South Carolina, moved the acceptance of this report and commended the officers for their year of fine service and a job well done; motion seconded by Means, of Alabama, and carried.

Honorable James B. Hunt, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, presented an address, after which he was given a token of appreciation for his participation in the convention.

Following music by the National Band, the Honorable George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama, presented an address. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon Governor Wallace by President Seegmiller.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at twelve twelve o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973

Afternoon Session

The Second Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at two o'clock by President Seegmiller.

Tucker, of Texas, presented the report of the Bicentennial Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Darmont, of Virginia, and carried.

Chenette, of Connecticut, presented the report of the Expo '74 Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Rinehart, of Mississippi, and carried.

Mr. Frank Harrington, Kansas City Regional Coordinator for the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, was introduced and presented to the FFA a special certificate in appreciation for their initiating BICEP as a cooperative effort among vocational students for the Bicentennial.

A special presentation was then made to the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, commemorating their 50th Anniversary and the Production Credit Association for their 40th Anniversary.

Vice President Erath Assumed the chair.

Youth guests were introduced and extended brief greetings in behalf of their organization. Each was presented with a small token of appreciation for their participation in the convention. Those participating were:

Future Homemakers of America--Jean Crowhart, Reporter
Future Business Leaders of America--David Bieberly, President
Distributive Education Clubs of America--Christopher Veasy, Vice President
Office Education Association--Beverly Baker, Historian
Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, Carter Gale, President, Secondary Division
National Advisory Council on Vocational Education--JoAnn Cullen

Miss Pam Powell, Staff Assistant, The White House, was introduced and gave brief remarks. Vice President Erath presented Miss Powell with a token of appreciation.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

Proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution were discussed and the following were approved by the delegates:

Article III. Organization - Section C, Paragraph 1
ARTICLE VI. Active Membership Degrees and Privileges - Section C. "Chapter Farmer Degree"
ARTICLE VII. Procedure for Choosing Candidates for the American Farmer Degree - Section A, Paragraphs 1 and 2 (This amendment was not approved until Thursday evening.)

(Note: All changes in the National FFA Constitution approved by the delegates will appear in the 1974 Official FFA Manual.)

Hancock, of Wyoming, moved that the business session be recessed until the following day; motion seconded by Bouldin, of Alabama, and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at four fifty o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1973

Evening Session

(Prior to the Opening Ceremony, a concert was held by the National FFA Band.)

The Third Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at seven thirty-five o'clock by President Seegmiller.

Secretary Goolsby gave an explanation of the Public Speaking Contest and the final contestants were introduced. After the introduction of the judges and timekeepers the Public Speaking Contest was held.

Following music by the National FFA Chorus, members of the FFA Boards of Directors and Trustees, National FFA Staff, Collegiate Teacher Education and American Royal Queen Candidates were introduced.

VIP Citations were presented to five individuals and the Distinguished Service Citation presented to two organizations. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in the National Chapter Award Program were presented by the national officers.

Winners of the National Public Speaking Contest were announced and awards presented. The national winner was Neil Bowman, representing the Pacific Region.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973

Morning Session

The Fourth Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at nine o'clock by President Seegmiller.

Vice President Hansen assumed the chair. The following were then introduced and gave brief greetings:

Miss AIC--Wanda Nearhood
National Grange Princess--Joan Hartung
Miss Rural Electrification--Susan Howard
Miss National Teenager--Betty Ann Nightingale

Secretary Goolsby presented an address "That's What It's All About." Foster, of Vermont, moved the acceptance of Secretary Goolsby's address, and that he be commended on a job well done; motion seconded by Garland, of Kansas, and carried.

Following music by the National Band, a slide presentation was given which depicted what some of the chapters receiving national recognition in the National Chapter Safety Award Program are doing. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in the Safety Program were then presented by the national officers.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to those individuals recommended by the convention delegates.

Vice President Hinton assumed the chair.

Vice President Erath presented an address "Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow." Fletcher, of New York, moved the acceptance of Vice

President Erath's address and that he be commended for a job well done; motion seconded by McKain, of Indiana, and carried.

Presentation of the FFA Foundation Agricultural Proficiency Awards was made by the national officers in a colorful ceremony.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

Honorable Frank Carlson, fromer Senator from the State of Kansas, was introduced and made brief remarks.

Gold, Silver and Bronze awards in the Building Our American Communities Program were presented by the national officers. The four regional winners of the BOAC program were announced. A slide program depicting the total BOAC concept and featuring the 1973 regional winners was presented. Mr. Herb Plambeck, Assistant to the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture, then presented a special citation to the Bloomer, Wisconsin, Chapter, national BOAC winner.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at eleven fifty o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973

Afternoon Session

The Fifth Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at two o'clock.

Vice President Hansen assumed the chair.

Swanson, of Nebraska, presented the report of the Alumni Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Best of New Mexico, and carried.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred on those candidates approved by the convention delegates. Francis Murphy, President of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, made brief remarks on behalf of the vocational agriculture instructors. President Seegmiller then presented a special plaque to Mr. Murphy commemorating the Silver Anniversary of the NVATA.

Service Plaques were presented to the following outgoing members of the FFA Board of Directors and Foundation Board of Trustees: Gerald Barton, Philip Haight, William Annis, Guy Cain, Howard Teal, John E. Streetman and A. Malcolm McVie.

Vice President Hanson assumed the chair.

Vice President Hinton presented an address "As The Circle Grows." Wetherington, of Florida, moved the acceptance of Vice President Hinton's address, and that he be commended for a job well done; motion seconded by Perry of Nebraska and carried.

The Alpena, Michigan, Chapter presented a Farm Forum Demonstration, after which the chapter was presented a token of appreciation for their participation in the convention.

Vice President Hinton assumed the chair.

Honorable William D. Gunter, U. S. Congressman from the State of Florida and National FFA President in 1954-55, was introduced and presented an address. Congressman Gunter was then presented a plaque in appreciation of his continued support of the FFA.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

Blankenship, of Alabama, moved that the candidates recommended by the Boards of National Officers and Directors receive the American Farmer Degree; motion seconded by Heinrich, of California, and carried. A very impressive American Farmer Degree Ceremony followed.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at four fifty-five o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973

Evening Session

(Prior to the Opening Ceremony, an excellent FFA talent show, under the direction of Don Erickson, State FFA Advisor, North Dakota, was held.)

The Sixth Session of the convention was called to order at eight o'clock with the Opening Ceremony by President Seegmiller.

Following the Grand Entry and music by the National Band, the National Chorus presented a concert.

Julie Nixon Eisenhower was introduced and gave a brief address. Mrs. Eisenhower was presented a plaque signifying the appreciation of the organization.

Prior to the evening session the Foundation Sponsors' Dinner and Recognition Program was held at the Hotel Muehlebach. At that time special plaques were presented to the 15, 25 and 30 year sponsors. These companies were:

15 Year Sponsors

Agrico Chemical Company
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Oscar Mayer and Company
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30 Year Sponsors

Firestone Tire and Rubber Company
International Harvester Company
John Deere Foundation

Recognition was given to all Sponsors to the National FFA Foundation, Inc., the Industry Chairmen, Regional Coordinators and members of the Foundation Executive Council.

Mr. A. Malcolm McVie, President, Elanco Products Company, Division of Eli Lilly and Company, and 1973 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, was introduced and gave brief remarks. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon Mr. McVie and he was presented with a special plaque of appreciation.

Mr. Robert Walston, Vice President, Funk Seeds International, and 1974 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee; gave brief greetings.

Remarks were then made by Dr. Sidney P. Marland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Marland then presented Mr. H. N. Hunsicker and Mr. Wm. Paul Gray with Certificates of Recognition from the U. S. Office of Education, in recognition of their significant contribution to the progress of vocational education in the USA.

Following the Massing of State Flags by the Star State Farmers, the "Stars Over America" pageant was held, and the film "Stars Over America" was shown. The Regional Star Farmers and Regional Star Agribusinessmen were introduced. The Honorary American Farmer Degree was then conferred upon the parents of the eight "Stars" and special presentations given to their wives. The Star Farmer of America William A. Sparrow, Unadilla, Georgia and the Star Agribusinessmen of America Jack Rose, Elko, Nevada and Steven Redgate, Waynoka, Oklahoma, were then announced.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at ten twenty o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1973

Special Business Session

The Special Business Session was called to order at ten

thirty o'clock by President Seegmiller.

A continuation of the business session was held and proposed amendments to the National FFA Constitution were discussed by the delegates. (See the Wednesday afternoon session for Constitutional amendments passed by the delegates.)

Lenhard, of Washington, moved to recommend to the Boards of National Officers and Directors that a sponsored horse judging contest be held in Oklahoma City, and that it be considered as a National Judging Contest by the FFA; motion seconded by Carpenter, of Nevada, and carried.

Sample, of Idaho, moved that a special committee be appointed by the Boards of National FFA Officers and Directors to check the feasibility of having a Parliamentary Procedure Contest on the national level, hopefully starring in 1974; motion seconded by Johnson, of Idaho, and carried.

Fletcher, of New York, moved to recommend to the Boards of National Officers and Directors that at future national conventions copies of all committee reports be provided to all delegates prior to action on the reports; motion seconded by Cogan, of Pennsylvania, and carried.

Edwards, of Florida, presented the report of the National Degree Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Kenney, of Rhode Island, and carried.

Wetherington, of Florida, moved to adjourn the Business Session; motion seconded by Warburton, of Utah, and carried.

The meeting adjourned at eleven thirty o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1973

Morning Session

The Seventh Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at nine o'clock by President Seegmiller.

Following music by the National Chorus, J. M. Campbell, National Treasurer, gave an explanation of the 1974-75 National FFA Budget. Spivey, of Alabama, moved the acceptance of this proposed budget; motion seconded by McCall, of Virginia, and carried.

Jackson, of Indiana, moved that National FFA Dues remain at $1.00 per member; motion seconded by Parker, of Georgia, and carried.

Vice President Hinton assumed the chair.

Vice President Hansen presented an address "Greatest Wonder In The World." Parker, of Georgia, moved the acceptance of Vice President Hinton's address and that he be commended for a job well done; motion seconded by Pluhar, of Montana, and carried.

Whitlow, of Tennessee, moved that the National FFA Band and Chorus be commended for an outstanding job during the convention; motion seconded by Blankenship, of Alabama, and carried.

Corey, of Maine, presented the report of the International Program Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Hanson, of Arizona, and carried.

Tommy Engelke, of the Texas Association, gave a report on the 1973 Work Experience Abroad Program. Participants in this program were introduced and presented certificates. The 1973 WEA group then present a Swiss Cuckoo Clock to the National FFA Archives. International guests in attendance were introduced and presented certificates. Mr. Vincent McEwan, First Secretary (Agriculture), The British Embassy, then gave brief remarks.

Special guest Ken Curtis (Festus of Gunsmoke) gave brief remarks. A plaque in appreciation for his participation in the convention was presented to him.

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, gave short greetings, after which the Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon him.

Vice President Erath assumed the chair.

The top judging winners in Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, Livestock, Meats and Poultry were announced.

Vice President Daugherty assumed the chair.

Honorable Jerry Litton, U. S. Congressman from Missouri, and National FFA Secretary in 1956-57, was introduced and gave an inspiring address. Congressman Litton was presented a plaque for his outstanding service to the FFA and for his outstanding leadership.

Vice President Erath assumed the chair.

Mrs. Annie Shields, who for eleven years has worked in the First Aid Room during the National FFA Convention, and helped with many other activities on a volunteer basis was introduced and presented a certificate of appreciation.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

Members of the Nominating Committee were introduced. Carpenter, of Nevada, presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved its acceptance; motion seconded by Jackson of Indiana and carried. Olsen, of Iowa, moved that the delegates elect the members nominated for national office by unanimous ballot; motion seconded by Johnson, of Idaho, and carried.

The meeting adjourned with the Closing Ceremony at eleven twenty-five o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1973

Evening Session

The Final Session of the convention was called to order with the Opening Ceremony at seven fifteen o'clock by President Seegmiller.

Recognition was then given to talent participants in the convention program.

Eckert, of Wisconsin, presented the report of the National FFA Convention Committee and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Edwards, of Florida, and carried.

Vice President Hinton assumed the chair.

President Seegmiller presented an address, "Act Now or Forever Rust in Peace." Olsen, of Iowa, moved the acceptance of President Seegmiller's address and that he be commended for an outstanding job; motion seconded by DeBruin, of Wisconsin, and carried.

President Seegmiller resumed the chair.

The Honorary American Farmer Degree was conferred upon the parents and local advisors of the national officers. Mr. Richard Strangeway, advisor of Vice President Erath, received a special plaque since he had received the Degree with the vocational agriculture teachers on Thursday afternoon. Leadership plaques and $1,000. scholarships were then presented to the national officers.

The newly-elected officers were installed in a very impressive and colorful ceremony and national officer pins were presented to each of the past officers. Mark Mayfield, newly-elected president, presented Dwight Seegmiller with the gavel he used to open the convention. The new president extended greetings.

The final session of the convention adjourned sine die at nine fifteen o'clock with the Closing Ceremony by the new officers.

Following the Closing Ceremony, special entertainment was furnished by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

AMERICAN FARMER DEGREE

Each year at the convention, members who have achieved the highest degree are recognized in an impressive ceremony. There were 564 who received the degree.

ALABAMA

Hilton Angle, Cullman
Eddie Averett, Geneva
Ralph Barefoot, Andalusia
Verlon Blackwood, Boaz
Michael Allan Cagle, Falkville
Ronald J. Clements, Jasper
Stacey Driskell, Newton
Ronald Dale Elliott, Rainsville
Randy Gillespie, Moulton
John Frank Graveman, Cullman
Michael Harbison, Logan
Charles E. Jacobs, Toney
Milton Max Junkins, Kennedy
Andy Lane, Russellville
Dennis Earl Maze, Horton
Benjy Moates, Enterprise
James Odell, Town Creek
Allen C. Pickens, Mt. Hope
Tommy Price, Fayette
Rickie Allen Schmale, Cullman
Carl Shewbart, Danville
James Randall Smith, Crossville
Van Smith, Prattville
Gary H. Swindall, Steele

ARIZONA

Patrick L. Dugan, Chandler
Larry D. Rovey, Glendale
Ted Don Sheely, Tolleson
Tommy Wilson, Willcox

ARKANSAS

Larry Bacchus, Lamar
Bruce Edward Ball, Greenbrier
Tim Brightwell, Paragould
Marvin Lynn Cole, Jr., Yellville
Frederick A. Dunk, Greenbrier
William Edward Evans, Charleston
Hal Floyd Gibson, Tillar
Jerry Lloyd Gilliam, Paragould
Gary L. Hipp, Harrison
Jetty Mills, Harrisburg
Lynn Arthur Sanderson, Barber
Marion Stephens, Enola
David Tencleve, Scranton
Joe A. Tubbs, Jonesboro
Robin Welch, Leachville
Jerry L. Wooley, Vilonia

CALIFORNIA

Glenn D. Bowman, Modesto
Tony Moniz Catunto, Newman
Leroy J. Cheda, Jr., Petaluma
Ernest Albert Conant, Wheatland
Charles Cunningham, Santa Rosa
Dennis P. Edlund, Hilmar
Daniel S. Forster, Paso Robles
Michael Goulart, Laton
Raymond Allen Hagemann, Bodega Bay
Brad Harlan, Riverdale
Michael Henry Hat, Ripon
Thomas J. Haught, Santa Paula
John William Hertle, Modesto
Walter A. Kessler, Galt
Ole Mervin Meland, Willows
Aaron Miller, Modesto
Paul Anthony Muller, Woodland
Kristann Silkwood, O'Neals
Theodore Frank Tesconi, Santa Rosa
Peter H. Xanthus, Watsonville

COLORADO

Merlyn C. Atteberry, Aurora
David H. Einarsen, Ft. Collins
Joseph William Ortner, Holyoke
Wesley Harrison Wilson, Pleasant View

CONNECTICUT

Carla Gale Chenette, Ellington
Ronald Desjardine, Plainfield

DELAWARE

Frank C. Hrupsa, Harrington

FLORIDA

Jimmy Harold Alvarez, Starke
John Connally Barnett, Jr., Fort Meade
Stephen Dwane Basford, Grand Ridge
Gordon Baxley, Westville
Wassie Richard Fish, Glen St. Mary
Marvin Clayton Fussell, Jr., Webster
Wesley Sache, Chiefland
Bufort Thrift, Macclenny
Lisa Tomkow, Trilby

Joseph Edward Ward, Trenton
Harold Burns Warfield, Lutz
Wilbur Lloyd Worthington, Chiefland

GEORIGA
Winston Beaty, Dixie
Larry J. Champion, Shady Dale
Jerry Davis, Bainbridge
Marvin Reynolds Davis, Ashburn
John Craig Gay, Millen
Donald L. Ginn, Springfield
Johnny Jones, Jr., Bainbridge
David Randall Kendrick, Sycamore
Thomas Ralph Kessler, Guyton
Terry McVey, Colquitt
John E. Moulton, Donalsonville
Kenneth Lennie Perryman, Hartsfield
Larry Levi Rogers, Camilla
George Seabrooks, Pooler
William A. Sparrow, Unadilla
Rocky Neil Thompson, Tifton
Rodney Keith Tillman, Coolidge
David B. Weaver, Braselton
Johnny Lane White, Chula
John Everett Williams, Madison
John Braswell Wilson, Pelham
Marty Wilson, Madison
William E. Woodrum, Jr., Millen

HAWAII
Marwyn Miulani Nihipali, Laie

IDAHO
Larry A. Abbott, Meridian
Wayne Bishop, Caldwell
Robert William Doig, Blackfoot
Clay E. Harrison, Heyburn
Dan VanLith, Payette

ILLINOIS
Louis Aldag, Jr., Centralia
John M. Diedrich, Sycamore
Donald William Foster, Pittsfield
Dennis Duane Gibbs, Benson
Gary Lee Hoffman, Sycamore
Chris R. Koehler, New Boston
Kevin Eli Martin, Edelstein
Darrell Lee Meeker, Manito
Steven Kent Pigg, Bushnell
Ronald T. Poletti, Collinsville
Herschel Edward Rose, Salem
Steven R. Schwoerer, Bloomington
Mark Steven Smith, Edinburg
Kenneth H. Stemler, Waterloo
Russell Lynn Tongate, Mansfield
Jay J. Vroom, Ohio
Roger L. Ward, Jacksonville
Larry Dean Weber, Morrisonville
Gordon Eric White, Franklin
Terry J. Wingert, Kent

INDIANA
John J. Breit, Woodburn
Duane R. Comer, Greensburg
David D. Emery, Macy
Larry M. Evans, Greensburg
Rick A. Fuller, Butler
Roger William Hadley, Woodburn
H. Ward Hanson, Connersville
Walter S. Johnson, Monroe
Guy F. Kirby, Tipton
Keith Mohler, Mulberry
Aaron L. Pfafman, LaGrange
Donald Robert Simpkins, Connersville

IOWA
Rodney J. Bastow, Mount Ayr
Ronald A. Busick, Pleasantville
Chris J. Carlson, Stratford
Dennis Michael Dammen, Osage
Marion A. Denger, Dows
Dennis Karl Goehring, Batavia
Duane A. Hartstack, Clarinda
Charles C. Holtz, Rippey
Eugene Elmer Kruse, LeMars
Gary Allen Moore, Osage
Dwight Verle Sanders, Vinton
Dale William Schwade, Ridgeway
DeLynn Dana Stene, Akron
Daryl I. Sywassink, Muscatine
Richard P. Trumbauer, Jesup
Robert John Vobr, Cresco
Douglas E. Washburn, Hornick

KANSAS
Corey Gene Lowdon, Downs
G. Mark Mayfield, Caney
Jim McClung, Winfield
Dwayne Elton Messner, Caney
Robert J. Schrag, Galva
Steven C. Stigge, Washington
Mark C. Underwood, Dodge City
Richard C. Warner, Lebanon
James Lynn York, Thayer

KENTUCKY
Dennis R. Beauchamp, West View
Edgar Stanley Burris, Hustonville
Barry Chittenden, Salem
Ronnie Flowers, Kevil
Doug Goodman, Hickman
James Gray Goodman, Bowling Green
Danny Joe Grigson, Brooksville
Ronald P. Hays, Versailles
Michael Aloysius King, Brandenburg
John Douglas Mathis, Melber
James Anthony Murphy, Owensboro
Dennis Edward O'Nan, III, Sturgis
Randy Payne, Hermon
Michael Carson Shelton, Murray
Johnny D. Stone, Princeton
Robert S. Stuart, Owensboro

LOUISIANA
Stephen Price Baum, Pollock
John P. Benjamin, Pollock
Lynn Truman Crawford, Coushatta
Charles Kelvin Dixon, Saline
Millard Ervin Gottschalck, Hammond
Michael Ray Little, Winnfield
Robert Ray Manuel, Hessmer
Kevin S. McDonald, Slidell
Bruce Nielson, Franklinton
Joseph Paul Perrin, Ponchatoula
Alfred Gene Stevens, Winnfield
Barry Stringfield, Franklinton
Lem Boyd Weaver, Chestnut

MAINE
Gregory Harold Smith, Presque Isle

MARYLAND
Robert Daniel Arnold, III, Upper Marlboro
Michael R. Bowles, Gaithersburg
George Cogan Cramer, Damascus
Gary Lee Grossnickle, Walkersville
Fred R. Moore, Eden
Steven T. White, Salisbury

MASSACHUSETTS
Timothy L. Divoll, Easthampton
Jerry S. Mollison, Worthington
Daniel G. Pierce, Paxton

MICHIGAN
Randy William Bauer, Reese
Henry Lee Behrenwald, Lakeview
Kenneth Leo Deschepper, Durand
Elmer B. Gowell, Rothbury
Richard Kokx, Fremont
Frederick R. McMillen, Litchfield
Thomas J. Mikek, St. Louis
Philip A. Osika, Corunna
John C. Powell, Williamston
Bruce A. Smith, Tipton
James D. Stewart, Bannister
Russell Yarger, Hastings
John D. Young, Deckerville

MINNESOTA

Donald L. Brugman, Jeffers
Gary Lee Dobberstein, New Richland
Lester L. Draeger, Jr., Winthrop
Raymond H. Ebbinga, Pipestone
Gary Ellingson, Odessa
Terry Joseph Guelker, Burnsville
Dan Hacker, Springfield
Donn L. Johnson Evansville
Randall E. Lindemann, Rushmore
James D. Meinert, Sleepy Eye
Randy Melzer, Courtland
Timothy Mounts, Dalton
Curtis Oeltjenbruns, Claremont
Dean Opsahl, Goodhue
Ronald S. Peterson, Atwater
Rodney Clarence Piepho, Eagle Bend
Gary Richert, Springfield
Dallas C. Sams, Staples
Alan Schramm, Plato
Cary E. Sip, Ada
Richard Swanson, St. James
James Edwin Takala, Iron
David John Weber, Clinton
Marvin L. Zylstra, Worthington

MISSISSIPPI
Jentry Bond, Perkinston
Charles Keith Carr, Monticello
William Danny Cooper, Morton
Ricky H. Cornelius, Walnut
Roy Haines, Wiggins
Pat Hopper, Falkner
Harold Wayne Jumper, Booneville
Steve Thompson, Hickory Flat
Gary Wray, Courtland

MISSOURI
James E. Andersen, Sheldon
Max Bade, Augusta
Phil Blackman, Charleston
Joseph D. Close, Green Ridge
Larry Gay, Princeton
Dewayne B. Gray, Republic
Terry A. Harris, Stark City
James Lee Harwood, Pattonsburg
John Richard Hopkins, Auxvasse
Terry M. Jellum, Richmond
Ronald L. Lehenbauer, Hannibal
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Miles R. Mainord, East Prairie
Michael Lee Newkirk, Mt. Vernon
Myrle Linn Nitsche, Butler
Paul Nothdurft, Jackson
Allen L. Quintin, Queen City
Ben Anthony Reed, Jasper
Kenneth Ray Roberts, Trenton
David Lynn Scott, Niangua
James C. Thompson, Mound City

MONTANA
Richard Dorn, Hardin
Doug Gamma, Kila
James Orville Larson, Ballantine

NEBRASKA
Ronald L. Anderson, Davey
Harlan James Christensen, St. Paul
Daniel P. Davis, Wood River
Richard L. Heriak, Clarkson
Arnold C. Moody, Scotia
Bruce Staub, Tilden
Pat Jr. Swett, Fairbury
Roger Vech, Verdigre

NEVADA
Samuel Ray Guazzini, Fallon
Michael Riordan, Jiggs
Jack Rose, Elko

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Roderick K. McAllaster, Colebrook

NEW JERSEY
Richard Byma, Sussex
Craig Hoffman, Califon
Catherine L. Macalliater, Bordentown

NEW MEXICO
Forrest Edward Bray, Folson
Donny Ray Fernandez, Raton
James Milton Gilmore, Elida
Randy Kuykendall, Las Cruces
Rocky Gayle Marks, Clovis
George Melvin Reynolds, Garita

NEW YORK
Dale Birdsall, Seneca Falls
Stephen M. Eckman, Frewsburg
Russell John Jones, Holland Patent
Lloyd E. Lamb, Springville
Robert James Mackmer, Collins
Gerald E. Parry, Sherburne
Russell Jan Neale, Walton

NORTH CAROLINA
Ray Allan Anderson, Statesville
Raymond Neil Caviness, Siler City
John Reno Coleman, Tabor City
Wayne Collier, Jr., Linden
Willis Arthur Connell, Rockingham
Mac Cooper, Fayetteville
Thomas Jerome Covington, Wade
Steve C. Davis, Leasburg
Horace Haywood Fowler, Tabor City
Samuel Thomas Franklin, Henderson
Phillip Lee Freeman, Leicester
Robert Lloyd Kirk, Jr., Hillsborough
Randall Keith Lanier, Clemmons
Eddie Walter Lovick, Wade
Earl T. McKee, Rougemont
Ronald Lynn Royal, Wade
David Lee Sharp, Reidsville
C. W. Smith, Seven Springs
Curtis Beard Smith, Fayetteville
Edward Douglas Smith, Mount Olive
Jerry Ray Strickland, Cerro Gordo
Charles Harrison West, Salemburg
Thomas Stanley Williams, Wade

NORTH DAKOTA
John A. Cote, Willow City
Allen Kent Halvorson, Churches Ferry
Darrel Heins, Fessenden
Mark A. Holkup, Wilton
Jerome Migler, Orrin
Allen K. Olson, Devils Lake
Gary A. Suko, Montpelier
Gerald A. Wettlaufer, Bottineau
Kenneth L. Yuly, Minot

OHIO
Leonard M. Albers, Anna
Paul Norris Andre, Wauseon
Deo Ault, Caledonia
Danny Lee Baker, Urbana
Robert E. Bender, Prospect
Ted M. Boehm, Jenera
David Lee Bowdle, Chillicothe
Robert D. Case, Delaware
Clarence Dale Eblin, Columbus
Max Allen Fisher, Sunbury
Russell Bud France, Lawndale
James David Garland, Washington C.H.
Mark Hayman, Tiffin
Gary Dean Hutchinson, Arcanum
William J. Karcher, McCutchenville
Ronald T. Klosterman, Greenville
Gregory Kruger, Lima
Harold James Madden, Zanesville
James R. Maurice, Conover
Don Bret Morris, Leesburg
Ron Robarge, Bryan
Donald Alan Stanfield, Manchester
Don Stoller, Paulding
Lynn Wells, Warsaw
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CLEO REDGATE, Waynoka, Oklahoma
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JOHN ST. MARTIN, Plant City, Florida
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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

To appropriately recognize those adults who have given outstanding service to the FFA on a State or Regional, and in some cases National level, the Distinguished Service Awards are awarded at the national convention. Those receiving the award were:

HAROLD BOSWORTH, General Manager, Continental Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri
E. W. BROWN, JR., Orange, Texas
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GEORGE CHREIN, Assistant Principal-Supervision, Agriculture, John Bowne High School, Flushing, New York
JAMES R. EDWARDS, Senior Agricultural Engineer, Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Alabama
RUBEN EDWARDS, Hamp-An Farms, Middletown, Missouri
ROY FREELAND, Secretary, Kansas State Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas
W. R. HARE, Assistant Farm Director, KWTV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
GEORGE D. KITTREDGE, Administrative Assistant, New Hampshire Association for the Blind, Concord, New Hampshire
HARRY MARTIN, Farm Director, WRTV, Indianapolis, Indiana
CHESTER S. McLEAREN, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia
ARTHUR L. MITCHELL, Manager of Special Services, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, D. C.
CARROLL PLAGER, Austin, Minnesota
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HERBERT H. WILSON, Chairman of Board of Directors, American Royal Association, Kansas City, Missouri
WALLACE E. WILSON, Vice President, General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan

VIP SPECIAL CITATIONS

There are many individuals who from the beginning of the FFA, have continued to give support to the organization "over and beyond the call of duty." This year marks the fourth year that long-time friends and great supporters of the FFA have been recognized with a "VIP Award." The five distinguished gentlemen were:

ARCHIE L. HARDY, Alexandria, Virginia
CARL M. HUMPHREY, Jefferson City, Missouri
W. T. JOHNSON, Greensboro, North Carolina
W. C. MONTGOMERY, Lexington, Kentucky
A. W. TENNEY, Sarasota, Florida

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS

There are many organizations which have provided outstanding service to the National FFA Organizations. They have contributed personnel, time and money to further the aims and purposes of the Future Farmers of America. This year, those organizations receiving this citation were:

FARMLAND INDUSTRIES, INC., Kansas City, Missouri
LAWRENCE WELK NETWORK, Studio City, California

NATIONAL OFFICER ADDRESSES

ACT NOW, OR FOREVER RUST IN PEACE
DWIGHT SEEGMILLER, National President

A year ago, on Friday, the 13th, we six national officers made a pledge. And that pledge was to serve the members of the Future Farmers of America by being ourselves. Throughout the year, Jerry has talked about being outgoing and learning to get along with people. Bruce has encouraged fellow members to have confidence and faith in themselves. Zane, with his realistic attitude, believed that common sense would solve most situations and problems. Fellow officer, Tim, sincerely showed that higher education was a step to becoming academically competent in this world of technology. While Bob, with his strong faith, showed that God is our true partner wherever we go. To be ourselves we do need some special qualities. Encouraging individual growth through listening, thinking and acting is where I have tried to concentrate my efforts. And now let's turn our attention to ourselves, You and I.

Dwight Seegmiller

The first step to growth is to listen. The power of listening, that is being able to have another person share his knowledge in a free and cooperative way, is invaluable. This sharing of experience will come only if we treat the personalities of others with respect, not because they are rich or important or famous, but because they are human beings. Every person I have met this past year has contributed to my learning experience. Now this benefit of another's life experience can be yours, but only if you have an open mind and continue to listen.

But listening power is only the first step. All successful people have learned to think. We national officers have found that the greatest discovery in our year is that we have learned to alter our lives by altering the attitudes of our minds. Now, our minds will do almost anything that we want them to, and it is important to use the mind for thinking rather than to use it for a warehouse of facts or a place to collect dust. Training your mind to produce your own individual thoughts is really what makes thinking great.

Now, it's been said that the difference between men and boys in an elected office is that boys want to be somebody with an office, while men want to do something in an office. With most of us here, up until now, our lives have been concerned with the physical self. That is, how strong, speedy or tall we would be when we became adults. Would we have straight teeth or wavy

hair? Would we shed our baby fat? Would we be attractive or have big feet? Our physical consideration should be at a high-point. As we look back in history, was it important that Columbus had straight teeth? Did he have teeth at all? Could Henry Ford outrun his classmates? Was Thomas Jefferson an all-star athlete? Was Albert Einstein a good date? Obviously we need to place our priorities. We need to forget about our physical selves and prepare to enter the world of leadership. The world of understanding through listening. The world of ideas through thought. And, the world of progress by action.

But there is a conflict. There's a conflict that needs to be brought to attention. What is it? Well, we spend most of our lives in waiting. It all starts with waiting for the first day of school. Then it's the first car, along with the first date. We all wait for graduation and then to go to college or start a job. Next we wait to get married, then for a family to start. We wait for retirement, and yes, even some wait for death. All I can say is that we need to get off our seats and start doing and stop waiting!

There are really no great men in our history; only great challenges that ordinary men have met. It's ridiculous for any person, myself included, to criticize the work of another if he has not distinguished himself by his own performance. We need to remind ourselves that every day we will do the best we can and some day our chance will come. I still think it is better to wear out than to rust out. Because with ordinary talent and plenty of nerve all things are attainable.

Well now, what can we apply all this listening, thinking and acting to? The answer is obvious. A short while ago, people talked of the ideal life--living in an attractive reputable suburb, having a comfortable white collar, nine to five job and belonging to the country club. Boy, times have changed! Urban life is still good, but people are seeking more. They want to get away from the hustle, bustle of city life. They desire peace and quiet. They crave the good life. Rural America and the field of agriculture.

In travels to foreign countries, I've seen some that have low morals, no family structure and little responsibility held by its citizens. In these foreign countries, people have asked, "Why do Americans have it so good?" Well, I could have given them a number of highly technical reasons, but I didn't because I firmly believe that it's our strong rural America, the basis of our country. I feel sorry for the people I've met who apologize that they come from a small community that no one has hear of or maybe isn't even on the map. For it is the agricultural people, those of rural America that have made our country what it is today, and they will be the key to the future.

This is a special year for agriculture. Why? Because the word "farmer" has become an every day household, respected, looked up to word in our Nation's vocabulary. Our theme, "For tomorrow's agriculture" couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Let's be proud that we are the key to America's future.

This past year, I've told some of you that I have been a fortunate person, because I've experienced some unique things. For example, my eyes have seen miles of unpolluted, clear skies almost every day. My ears have heard all the sweet, delicate sounds of nature. My hands have been calloused by chores on our farm. My legs have walked many a mile bringing home the dairy cattle twice a day. And, my heart has felt that bursting of pride knowing that I am a true son of the soil. Yes, I hope that I am one of many in our organization that after seven years of membership in the FFA can still proudly and truthfully say: "I believe in the future of farming..."

You members here tonight represent not only an organization, but a way of life. Sure, it's been easy for you to join the FFA; but it takes action to achieve. Be yourself in all that you do, and remember, your physical considerations don't really matter. Whether you are rich or poor, black or white, male or female, it's up to you. Successful members will be those listening, thinking and acting in the field of agriculture.

It has been my privilege this past year to see members like you grow, develop, expand and get involved. Yes, it's been a pleasure to work with people who know what they want and say what they think, but who still believe the six most important words in today's vocabulary are: "I admit I made a mistake." The five most important words are: "You did a good job." The four are: "What is your opinion?" The three most important words are: "If you please." The two are: "Thank you." and the single most important word is: "We."

As this convention comes to a close, may we continue our progress on the principle that it is not what we hear, but what we absorb that makes us learned; it is not the facts, but the thinking that gives us wisdom; and it is not what we intend to do, but it's our action that makes us useful. Useful to ourselves. Useful to others. And, useful to the United States of America, a country that gives us the freedom to have an organization like the Future Farmers of America. And, we in the FFA are proud to be known for our citizenship and patriotism. It is with humble gratitude that I would like to suggest that we add one word to our Pledge of Allegiance. One word that will help us act now and not rust in peace.

> "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty, justice and <u>responsibility</u> for all!"

THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
JERRY GOOLSBY, National Secretary

Mike Browder is a seventeen year old FFA member. He is active in the activities of his FFA chapter. He likes girls, cars and sports. He's not the best--yet not the worst, nor at the top, or at the bottom of the many activities he takes part in in high school. Mike is an ordinary person from an ordinary environment. He has an ordinary past, and hopes for an ordinary future just like many of you seated here this morning. His question to me: "Jerry, what's it all about?"

Jerry Goolsby

Traveling around this year as your National Secretary, I've had the pleasure and opportunity to visit with many Mike Browder's. In doing so I developed a new awareness of the ideas, thoughts, morals and environments of others around me.

I could tell you of many individuals who have splendid, "poor boy makes good" stories behind their "society-made" successes. And many in the FFA have experienced the rich reward of rising and adventuring, of tackling a big job and then seeing it through to completion. But, of greatest importance are those individuals like Mike Browder in our organization who are "ordinary" people. It is they whom I have encountered most, and it is they who continually ask: "What's it all about?"

What's it all about in a world full of an infinite number of opportunities with millions of ready-made job openings all luring young people their way; where young folks can have and do just about anything they desire. Yet, a world that demands people are educated, where challenge seems almost non-existant and unimportant; where drugs, alcohol, ecological environment and a hypocritical society all seen to "turn off" our young and old generations simply because people are unable to really communicate with each other: therefore allowing for the mind-boggling question, "What purpose do I have in society?"

I tell you now, and I tell you straight, I found the answer in trusting our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and by allowing Him to have control of my life. The answer also lies in choosing a career which gives meaning and pleasure to your life. If you have questions as to what is the right road to follow, do this, follow the path of that occupation you presently most enjoy for somewhere along that road you will find the right career for you. It is the strength of your efforts that will be the measure of your results.

In the process give to others what you most enjoy receiving. Direct your efforts to helping others find happiness and meaning in their lives. Believe me, there is no greater feeling of the ultimate goal of self satisfaction than that of knowing that you have made someone a little wiser, or a little happier, than he or she was before in the struggle for self identity.

Be aware and understanding of the problems and ideas of others around you. Work always for the good of all. Love one another as you love yourself, and never be satisfied with the ordinary.

And, your association with agriculture, be proud of it! The Bible says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." What a thrill and a privolege to cooperate with nature in the production of food and fiber. Agriculture is still far and away the largest single industry in this country.

We Future Farmers have the opportunity to develop our leadership qualities, to serve others and in general to learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes which we will need in order to be active, contributing citizens of America. Let's take advantage of them!

Always remember that failure is about the only thing that can be achieved without effort, that carelessness and a lack of ambition are fatal, and that tolerance is a great virtue. Theodore Roosevelt, in commenting on the "Man Who Counts," once said, "It is not the critique who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust, and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcomings; who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

As poet Edgar Guest puts it, "You are the fellow who has to decide--whether you'll do it or toss it aside. You are the fellow who makes up his mind--whether you'll lead or linger behind. Whether you'il try for a goal that is far--or be content to stay where you are. Take it or leave it--here's something to do--just think it over--it's all up to you."

I hope that you have gained from your work in the FFA the inspiration and the desire to become a more dedicated and involved indivudual. I also hope that you have gained, as I have, a renewed faith in yourself, in our great country and in God. For that my friends, and all Mike Browders everywhere is what it's all about.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

TIMOTHY DAUGHERTY, National Vice President, Central Region

I'm sick and tired of hearing about problems, about this crisis or that, or that, or hearing the question, "What are we going to do when this comes about?" It seems as though we hear only one perpetual complaint, "nothing is going right for me." Yes, it is a dreary old world and we are all destined to suffer through it. We are having a terrible time of just surviving with our two car families, our 40-hour work week, our $30,000 homes and a food bill that is just out of this world.

Timothy Daugherty

We have made life just what it is. Some how we have forgotten all those wonderful things that have happened, all those tremendous people that surround us, and all those things that make life so worthwhile.

This year has been a year of awakening for me. It has helped me to look at myself in a different perspective. It has given me an opportunity to appreciate the things I have done, the places I have gone and the people that surround me. I will never forget many of the little things that have happened this year; the sabotaged head table at a chapter banuqet, that homemade plaque given to me by that chapter in Indiana, the time I forgot to pack my black pants, or the time Sammy Peebles and I walked six blocks out of our way to avoid getting thrown into the swimming pool in Washington. These are little things, things at which we can laugh, but they are the things that will help me to remember this year. These are the kind of things that make tomorrow a day which should be even more exciting than today.

We have spent far too much time ciriticizing people, discussing problems, and essentially doing nothing. We have become part of a so called silent do nothing majority that sits back and lets a small group make the decisions and do the work for the rest of us. Too many times we hear, "Well I am just one person and besides I won't be missed at that meeting," or "I have just one vote, it won't make that much difference." If there was just one of us that thought this way, perhaps it wouldn't make any diffrence. When the majority of young people, that is you and I, begin to think this way, that is the time we need to have a rude awakening.

What other group has ever had the opportunities which we possess? We can accomplish almost anything, we have a fantastic education, and have ability which has yet to be tapped, but still

we lag behind and continue to look at the negative side of the things around us. We can see things that need to be changed and we can see how we can change them, but still it is easier to just let things ride as they are. It takes much less time and efforts to throw a bucket of paint at a building than it does to brush it, but what covers the subject more throughly? Change, seasoned change, to take the good things we have, adapt them so that they will do an even better job, is good. But change, just for the sake of change is not good. It now becomes a challenge for us to look at the things which surround us--the work which we have to do and then act as a catalyst to help each other in creating the right answer to the question we and others have been asking.

Pride is something which seems to be lacking popularity. No longer do we hear people bragging about their way of life and saying how it has more to offer than any other. We almost hear a lot of people saying, "I'm ashamed to mention that I am involved in farming or agriculture." Many say that we are struggling through an image crisis and that given time we won't be looked down upon any longer. I say that perhaps we are having an image crisis, but whose fault is it? I think it is ours! We have sat back too long and have been content with how things are going, instead of trying to make the best better. We have stood on the back row and hung our heads too long, instead of telling the story of modern agriculture. Some place we have lost our pride. The job is now turned to us, as young people, to turn the tide. We must hold our heads high and use our own energy to promote a massive "Pride Restoring and World Informing" project to bring ourselves and others up to date on what agriculture really is. It is up to us, there is no other group or individual who will do our job, we must do it ourselves.

It is about time that you and I woke up to the fact that we have some serious undertakings ahead. We are part of a unique group that has the most challenging and satisfying tomorrow ahead of us that can possibly be imagined. We have our life to live and it is up to us to make the most of it.

A group of State officers defined life for us this summer. They came up with the following definitions. Life is: living, happiness, love experience, vitality, laughing, freedom, involvement, service and rewarding. Each different, but all alike. Molded together, they represent today, tomorrow, and the next day. All these definitions represent only one thing, what we <u>can</u> do with our lives.

Don't you think IT'S ABOUT TIME we began to live our lives?

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

BRUCE ERATH, National Vice President
North Atlantic Region

The end of my term as a national officer will soon be here and as I reflect upon the many friends I've made, the many laughs we've had together and the countless experiences I shall never forget, I can only conclude that this has been the greatest year of my life. And, as that year went quickly by, I became even more proud of the history, tradition, ideals and, of course, the record of accomplishments of FFA. I became more convinced than ever that it is without a doubt the greatest youth organization in the history of America.

Bruce Erath

Yesterday, the six of us; Zane, Bob, Tim, Jerry, Dwight and I were all Greenhands, eager to put on our first blue and gold jacket and scared to death to say anything in our first chapter meeting. Today, we are all National FFA Officers, thankful for the many helping hands and great opportunities along the way. Tomorrow our tern will be ended and we will have to be content to be active alumni members, helping to give you and your fellow members the same opportunities that we have had throughout the years. In fact, if we fail to continue to use the training, guidance and experience we have gained during the past year to the betterment of those around us, then we have all failed. Our todays will mean nothing if our tomorrows are wasted.

Oddly enough, that is the way I feel about FFA as well. Yesterday it was a budding idea, fighting for survival amid cries that it wouldn't work. It would have died then had it not been for the dedication of hundreds of young men who were concerned not just about the future of agriculture, but the future of America as well.

Today, it is the largest vocational organization in the nation and the only one which now trains young people, both men and women, for a future in agriculture. It is an organization with problems, yes, but non that can't be overcome with a unity of spirit and the same desire to achieve that has shown through so many times in the past.

I can foresee an even brighter tomorrow for FFA, but only if you care enough to make it so! I say you, not meaning your new national officers or even your state officers, but rather you, the individual chapter member.

It doesn't take any real mathematician to tell us that not all of our 450,000 members can be national officers, as much as I wish you could. But I do know that every one of you can be a spokesman for agriculture, a useful citizen, and a living example of the power of youth with a purpose. But, as we work for a greater FFA, let us recognize that our individual chapter members come from a variety of backgrounds. Our chapters exist in rural areas, small cities and large urban centers as well. Obviously their needs are different, but the strength and greatness of FFA is that it offers opportunities to members in each of these different settings. Every member of FFA can develop a pride in himself for what he is, be it farmer, rancher, florist, ag mechanic, forester or any of the hundreds of opportunities open to him.

During my year, I have become even more convinced that unless we continue to hold to those ideals and principles on which FFA was founded, while at the same time making wise progressive changes as we continue to grow, then tomorrow, we will fail! We will fail to accomplish our number one, most important, and most often forgotten goal: to train students for careers in the industry of agriculture.

The American Farmer has had a significant role in making our's the most affluent country in the world. He has freed the hands of other members of society by producing enough food and fiber for himself and about fifty-one other people, and he has done it at a cost that is the lowest in the world history. We recognize that and applaud his efforts. But the farmer himself must realize that he couldn't have been nearly as successful had it not been for the tremendous agribusiness industry, an industry employing over thirty percent of America's working force, with assets totaling over three-fifths of all the corporate assets in the United States. Surely the agribusiness industry demands much of our attention.

FFA, of course, represents both of these groups and I look forward to the day when we might be drawn close together by our many similarities and common goals, rather than pulled apart by our few differences.

I look to a bright future in America "when all are trained for their occupation and have learned to cooperate." With this in mind, let's work together to learn now to cooperate as we train. Above all, we must never forget that FFA was, is and should always be "for tomorrow's agriculture."

Today, I leave FFA owing so much to so many, but today also, I begin watching. I begin watching you, counting on your enthusiasm, your sincerity and your dedication, to bring about an even greater tomorrow, in FFA, in agriculture and in America.

Best of luck, and may God bless.

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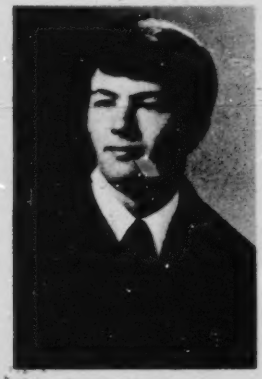
GREATEST WONDER IN THE WORLD

ZANE HANSEN, National Vice President, Pacific Region

About two centuries B.C. there was a list of the seven most remarkable structures of the ancient world as set down in a travel guide book of that period. Only one of these seven, the great pyramid of Egypt, oldest of the group, has survived, and it has undergone much deterioration. The tradition of the "seven wonders," however, has inspired following generations to compile countless lists since this first list was made. Today there are the seven wonders of antiquity, seven wonders of the middle ages, seven natural wonders of the world and of course the seven wonders of today.



Zane Hansen

I believe from the beginning of time there has always been a wonder far greater and lasting than any wonder compiled in one of these lists. I have come to believe that the greatest wonder in the world is the miracle of GROWTH.

Even the most important things were little and of small consequence to begin with. There are many types of growth, but the most significant of all forms of growth is that which takes place in people. Think of a human being as we first see him lying in the arms of his mother. His eyes cannot make out objects clearly. His ears do not understand what they hear. He has legs, but they are unable to bear any weight of his body, let alone walk. His brain and personality are relatively unproductive, and yet within a span of just a few short years, what a change takes place! From such helpless beginning come the leaders of the world in all phases of our society.

The most beneficial achievement in mankind lies in the process of personal growth within ourselves. Personal growth can be so stimulating as to bring about most anything we desire. However, personal growth doesn't just happen, you have to develop it, and that is most easily done by steady, continuous planning, supported by proper effort.

Condition yourself for personal growth this way. Remind yourself that you want to be as nearly perfect as is humanly possible. Be objective. Put yourself in a glass tube and look at yourself as a disinterested third party would look at you. See if you have a weakness that you've never noticed before. If you do, take action to correct it. Many people become so accustomed to themselves that they fail to see ways for improvement.

THE IMPORTANT THING CONCERNING PERSONAL GROWTH IS NOT WHERE YOU WERE OR WHERE YOU ARE TODAY, BUT WHERE YOU WANT TO GET.

The progressive farmer plans for five to ten years in advance. He has to. He must ask himself, "What type of a farming operation do I wish to have in ten years?" After he has answered that question then he can work toward obtaining his plan.

It's not a bad idea for us to plan ten years ahead, either. What could be more interesting than a picture of the person you will someday be? Could you imagine having lunch tomorrow with the person you will be in ten years? You must form an image now of the person you wish to be in ten years, if you are ever to become that image. Here is a critical thought. Just as the farmer that neglects to plan ahead will be just another farmer, that is if he survives; the individual that fails to plan ahead will most certainly be just another person lost in the hustle and bustle of today's busy life.

On occasion all of us have waked up on Saturday morning with no plans, either mental or written which spells out what we're going to do that day. On days like this we accomplish nothing. We aimlessly drift through the day, glad when it's finally over. But when we face the day with a plan we get things done.

This common experience provides us with an important lesson. To accomplish something, we must plan to accomplish something, and plan when. I recall my first year of college I had a roommate who had two different types of courses. The first course had all the deadlines for assignments and test dates laid out at the beginning of the quarter. In the second course you worked at your own speed and were graded on how much you achieved during the quarter. My friend received good grades in the first course, because he completed all of the required assignments on time. However, he failed the second course. The reason being he set down no deadlines of his own and accomplished next to nothing. Now as we press forward to grow and improve we must lay down plans, deadlines and target dates. We will accomplish only what we plan to accomplish.

Excellent plans are great, but they're just not enough. An only fair plan acted upon and developed is 100 per cent better than a fantastic plan that dies because it isn't followed up.

The fact simply is you can't plow a field by only turning it over in your mind. Anything ever accomplished is just a plan acted upon. And you know what? The amazing thing about action is that it cures fear and strengthens confidence.

Any of my fellow officers will testify that we have a certain amount of stage fright before we speak anywhere. Nevertheless, getting right out there in front of the audience is the cure for dread, worry and fear. Action wipes out fear. Action builds confidence.

Next time you see a particularly well poised, well groomed, clear thinking, effective person, remind yourself that he wasn't born that way. Lots of conscious effort put forth day by day made this person what he is.

We all enjoy the success and happiness that comes with growth and improvement, but what happens to us along the way when we have a few bitter pills to swallow or some difficult hurdles to get over?

Often times mistakes we make and defeats we face are the best tools we have for growing and improving. We have all had some defeats, and no doubt will have many more, but defeat is only a state of mind. We can learn something from every set back we experience. We can turn our set backs into victories. All we have to do is find the lesson, apply it and then turn back on defeat and smile.

Mankind has always had a basic desire to develop personal growth and self improvement. All that is needed is a means to accomplish this. The FFA has certainly provided me with a means to grow, and it will do likewise for you if you will only let it. If I could change anything since I've been in the FFA the past six years, that would be at an earlier age to learn of the opportunities open to me and become more actively involved and grow through FFA activities.

There is an old Chinese proverb that says, "The man who moved the mountain carried it away a little bit at a time." We can confer success and happiness upon ourselves that way. Personal growth and self improvement are gradual processes, but certainly one thing in life we can count on paying off.

AS THE CIRCLE GROWS

ROBERT HINTON, National Vice President, Southern Region

The mighty engines whine as several thousand pounds of pressure thrust the huge silver jet through the skies of a large metropolitan city. The landscape below us is covered with thousands of seemingly small and insignificant houses. It is difficult to realize it, but each of those small dots in the landscape represents a family of human beings.

Robert Hinton

And look! If we look closely with our minds and imaginations we can see that all the homes are surrounded by circles. Circles overlapping with others at several points and varying in size from extremely small to endlessly large. Just as families are confined within the limits of imaginary boundaries, each one of us is surrounded by a circle of involvement. With problems staring at us every day from all angles of our personal and social lives, we are very conscious that we as individuals, a nation, a civilization, must be far from content with our accomplishments of the past. Some would argue that using the present as a gauge, our future must certainly be dim. Others maintain that relative to the past we live in the best times ever.

What can we anticipate as citizens of a prosperous world power? The future of our "community as a whole" will be determined by us. Our collective success as a society will be directly proportioned to the institutional love offered unselfishly by each of us. As your circle grows, so do we.

Many claim that love has been virtually absent from their entire lives and they, therefore, argue that it is not essential to us as individuals or as a community. Our mere existence as living human beings, however, is made possible by a Supreme love and continues as a result of love. Regardless of whether the reality of that love is recognized or not, it still exists and our ignorance has no effect upon its reality. Just as the effect of a cool summer breeze is not determined by our attitude toward the wind, this Supreme love cannot be changed by us. The mere recognition of this love, on the other hand, is all that is necessary to change the entire course of our lives.

In the past very short years it has been my privilege to meet thousands of people all over the world. From the ski slopes of the Austrian Alps, to a high school in Puerto Rico, to the hills and forests of Maine, to dairy farms in Wisconsin and ranches in Texas. Although the locale of persons may differ, as well as languages, customs and appearances, the similarity of human beings all over the world is astonishing.

Regardless of our background we all long for the respect and love of others. There is no substitute for the need we have to be cared for. It is easy for us to pass judgment on those around us relative to what we are, what we've accomplished or what we represent. The difference between two individuals, however, is primarily environmental, and during childhood our environment is determined by others. It is often simpler to offer a negative attitude toward friendliness and lock ourselves within a small circle. A circle encompassing only those members of our family and close friends who are willing to return our affections. Before someone is allowed within our circle and we call them "friends" we must first compare the potential return to the required effort and determine if our personal gain will be great enough to justify the giving of ourselves.

Regardless of how great or small a person may be, complete contentment is never attained. Within each person there exists a strong desire to be recognized as an individual, a human being with feelings, emotions, anxieties, and ambitions. Despite the apparent outward content displayed, we are all desirous of an inward satisfaction which can only be given by our fellow man.

The needs of others are real. Physical needs can only be satisfied by certain individuals and groups, but we all have within our power the ability to satisfy the mental and emotional needs of our fellow man. If we will but exert the energy required to recognize individuals as what they are; shed our selfish motives and accept them as persons with minds, emotions and needs just as ourselves, perhaps we can bring joy to the life of a lonely, dejected soul.

As I have visited many of your states, most of the time I was accepted with open arms, just as a member of the family. I thank you for accepting my faults, which number many, and forgiving me for the many mistakes that I have made.

Give not within the prison of yourself
This small world turns spirit into clod
The more ingrown the self preoccupation
The less room left for others and for God.

A self obsession leads to spirit's bondage
We must love God and all our fellowmen
Heart's doorway must be opened wide in friendship
Where both the foe and friend are welcome in.

We often fail to realize that many things in life can be enjoyable, even if they aren't man made. Our priorities have been set on materialistic accomplishments and we don't take time to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. A walk through a field, a quiet day on the lake or the soft sound of running water are pleasures that can be enjoyed by all.

The first step in expanding our restrictive mental, social and emotional boundaries must be the acquisition of an unselfish priority system which will grant us a certain peace of mind. In the rapid pace of our lives we sometimes fail to recognize the true beauty of life itself.

Material success brings a degree of satisfaction but cannot be compared with the happiness that is experienced when a strong faith eliminates fear enabling us to enjoy the beauty of nature. Enormous wealth could never buy the contentment we get from our sincere "Thank you for being a friend to me in a time of need."

When troubles confront us we have the tendency to over-react and become unnecessarily excited or angry. If we will but take time to stop, think, communicate and be considerate of others we will lead a much more pleasant fulfilling life. Go quietly through the problems and discomforts of the day. Smile, be happy. Accept life for what it is and enjoy the pleasures that accompany all adversity.

To each of you I thank you for being you and wish you the joy and contentment that comes from a life with true meaning. You, and only you have within your hands the power to mold yourself. Mold it with direction, have pride in yourself; enjoy life to the fullest, and take time to really see people--as people.

Let your circle grow, for as it grows we all grow. Thank you.

AGRICULTURAL CAREER SHOW

The Agricultural Career Show was established as a part of the National FFA Convention in 1966, adding a new dimension to the week-long activities. Professional societies, trade associations and educational institutions provide career materials and counseling in all areas of agribusiness. During its eight year existence, thousands of FFA members and advisors have been able to assemble the latest information available on career opportunities in the broad field of agribusiness and natural resources. In addition, high school counselors and school administrators become more familiar with the industry of agriculture through personal contact with the professionals manning the attractive career show exhibits.

Lists of the Agricultural Career Show exhibitors, with their addresses are maintained at the National FFA Center, and made available to vocational agriculture teachers. These exhibitors make career materials available throughout the year.

EXHIBITORS

Action/Peace Corps
Agricultural Relations Council
American Agricultural Editors' Association
American Association of Agricultural College Editors
American Association of Nurserymen
American Fisheries Society
American Seed Trade Association
American Society of Agricultural Engineers
American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, Soil Science Society of America
American Society for Horticultural Science
Baker University
Bureau of the Census
Cooperative Extension Service
Electric Energy Association
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association
Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute
National Agri-Marketing Association
National Association of Animal Breeders
National Association of Farm Broadcasters
National Association of Swine Records
National Farm and Power Equipment Dealer's Association
National Grain and Feed Association
National Society of Livestock Record Associations
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, Inc.
Society of American Florists
Society of American Foresters
Soil Conservation Society of America
The Wildlife Society
U. S. Department of Labor

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for National FFA Office for the year 1973-74. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applications, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates consideration:

President	G. MARK MAYFIELD, Kansas
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Vice President, Central Region	KEITH MOHLER, Indiana
Vice President, North Atlantic Region	DOYLE WAYBRIGHT, Pennsylvania
Vice President, Pacific Region	JAY LOREN PHILLIPS, Utah
Vice President, Southern Region	JIMMY ALVAREZ, Florida
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Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT CARPENTER, Nevada (Chairman)
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STEVEN W. OLSEN, Iowa
GARY W. KELLEY, West Virginia
ALPHA TRIVETTE, Virginia
JOSEPH NAHALE, Hawaii
MARK WALDRIP, Arkansas
PETE KNILL, Maryland
BARRY LEE JOHNSON, Idaho

AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the 1973 Auditing Committee, after careful examination of the documents presented to us for the year July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, by the National FFA Office, make the following recommendations:

1. That the audit report of Stay, Malone and Company be accepted as being true and accurate.
2. That Mr. Julian Campbell, National FFA Treasurer; Mr. Edward J. Hawkins, FFA Executive Director, and the National FFA staff be commended for their untiring efforts in the best interest of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD CUPPS, Missouri (Chairman)
DAVID BUELL, Wyoming
ALBERT BLANKENSHIP, Alabama
VINCENT MALERBA, Connecticut
DENNIS HANSEN, Arizona
PETE PAWELEK, Texas

BICENTENNIAL AND EXPO '74 COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Bicentennial Committee, advise FFA involvement in the Bicentennial activities on the local, state and national levels. We make the following recommendations in each area:

Local

1. Use the present BOAC program as a major portion of our Bicentennial "Horizons '76" adding a special portion to the application in the area of chapter promotion of patriotism, leadership and citizenship for 1976.
2. Have special recognition of these chapters at the 1976 national convention.
3. Initiate an essay contest on the local, state and national levels for the 1974-75 year for the promotion of patriotism, leadership and citizenship by individuals. This would serve to promote interest in the Bicentennial and serve as an excellent public relations tool.
4. Add "Bicentennial Activities" to the local and state Programs of Activities now through 1976.

State

1. State FFA Associations work with the State Bicentennial Commissions.
2. Local chapters and state associations approach the Bicentennial Commissions with their ideas and plans.
3. State associations use the Bicentennial Commission at the state conventions from 1974 to 1976.

National

1. A State Officers' Tour of the USA ending at Valley Forge in the summer of 1976, followed by the State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D. C. These tours could also be developed on the regional and state levels.
2. Promotion of flags, flag pins, etc. through the Supply Service, as a money-making project for the local chapters in 1976.
3. Suggest that the FFA select themes for 1975 and 1976, that closely tie in with the Bicentennial theme.
4. Use the National FUTURE FARMER Magazine for publicity and information of the Bicentennial activities, through 1976.
5. Produce a special record album of the FFA Band and Chorus for sale to members as a Bicentennial promotion.
6. The FFA incorporate some type of welcome sign constructed of stones from all states and territories at the National FFA Center, and/or at the new convention auditorium to be completed in Kansas City, Missouri by 1976.
7. Each year from 1974 to 1976, a special pageant, film or display be shown at the National FFA Convention.
   a. 1974 - History of the FFA tied with U.S. History, including a display of historical items and special recognition of former national presidents.

b. 1975 - Our lifetime happenings in FFA, agriculture and U.S. History--perhaps film clippings of memorable events of the '60's and '70's.
c. 1976 - Outlook--FFA--USA. 2001 outlook of agriculture, the USA and the Future Farmers of America.

We, the members of the Bicentennial Committee recommend the following measures be taken to inform FFA members of the Bicentennial activities:

1. Have a Bicentennial Booth at the 1974 Convention Career Show.
2. Add a Bicentennial section to Operation Update for 1974.
3. Encourage a special session to be added to national, regional, sub-regional and other leadership conferences concerning Bicentennial activities.
4. Encourage state officer visits to local chapters concerning Bicentennial activities.
5. Encourage every state to use a film to be supplied to them by the Bicentennial Commission for FFA chapters and communities.
6. Have the National FFA Center develop a "how to" kit for state associations and local chapters on Bicentennial ideas to be ready by March, 1974.

We also recommend that a definite plan of action for FFA Bicentennial activities through our above recommendations be formed at the January meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors.

We, the members of the Expo '74 Committee, urge FFA participation in Expo '74 on the state, regional and national level, if possible through the agricultural pavallion proposed for the Exposition.

The major theme of the Exposition is "improving our environment." Expo '74 is the only World Fair type function to be held in the U.S. in the 1970's. It is scheduled for May through October of 1974, in Spokane, Washington. The Agricultural Pavallion that is proposed includes a multi-projection theater on agriculture and the envoronment, and a staging area of displays and slide presentations on agriculture. The Expo's Food and Soil Commission, in charge of the Agricultural Pavallion, wishes to have FFA involvement as the only youth organization of the Exposition.

The Expo '74 Committee members suggest the following recommendations if the Agricultural Pavallion is constructed at Expo '74:

1. FFA participation in Expo '74, as it is an extremely valuable public relations tool.
2. FFA members serve as guides, courtesy corps and information booth people in the Agricultural Pavallion.
3. The national organization sponsor ten FFA members for one week from all parts of the country (room and board), and the state association and individual finance travel to and from Spokane for as many weeks during the summer as possible.
4. It is suggested that these duties be taken over by the States in the Pacific Region for the weeks that National FFA could not cover the duties.

5. Suggest the possibility of "State Weeks" throughout the Exposition, where States would send their State officer teams to Spokane to serve.
6. Hold two weeks of national leadership conferences near Spokane for chapter presidents in 1974, and use them as guides.
7. Have about ten slides in the slide presentation at the Agricultural Pavallion depicting FFA at no charge to FFA in return for providing guides.
8. Set January 31, as the deadline to finalize our involvement plans in Expo '74.

Respectully submitted,

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, the International Program Committee for 1973, submit the following goal for 1973-74:

To endeavor by every means available to publicize and promote to the Nation the excellent work and foreign relations accomplishments of the FFA International Program and to encourage the participation of more FFA'ers in the program. To accomplish this important goal we recommend the following:

1. The national organization publish a listing of the returning American exchangees and/or those students who are presently on the exchange program in our own country and publish this in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.
2. Encourage chapters to correspond with foreign youth organizations and schools in an endeavor to improve international relations.
3. Encourage the publication of international WEA articles in official State FFA publications and in the vocational agriculture teachers' association publications.
4. Encourage all States to have a WEA booth at their state conventions and to have WEA personnel and/or exhcnagees there to talk with those members present.
5. Encourage exchangees to make and present slides, pictures and other visual aids and to give talks on their countries.
6. Encourage civic clubs to become involved in the international program by:
   a. Presenting slides of a WEA program.
   b. Having exchangees as speakers.
7. Have the national organization develop a film featuring the members of the WEA.
8. Have the national organization make available to the states articles on the WEA program.
9. Explore the possibility of the major television networks to present a program on the FFA International Program.
10. Make effective use of local TV, radio farm shows publicizing

the WEA program. Also make use of local talk shows as a means of publicity.

11. Have exchangees speak before the parent-teacher association and before schools in assembly programs.
12. Stress the importance of WEA programs to South America on the local, state and national levels.

We would also like to thank Mr. Guy E. Cain, Mr. Kenneth Mitchell, Mr. Stan Bucher and Mr. Lennie Gamage for their cooperation with this committee.

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NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National Awards Program Committee, realizing that in the past seven years the National FFA Foundation has increased both in number of sponsors and number of dollars contributed, hereby express our sincere appreciation for their growing support of the continuously growing FFA program. In the hopes of increasing FFA member participation in Foundation activities, we recommend the following:

1. For increased member interest:
   a. That a proficiency award slide series be developed by national and/or state associations. With the purpose of motivating members toward participation in the program, also have a followup "how to do it" series. These to be made available on a cost and/or rent basis.
   b. That state officers receive more training in the awards program, possibly at regional leadership conferences.
   c. That The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine be used to explain award areas.
   d. That state officers emphasize proficiency awards in their presentations to FFA groups.
   e. That there be less emphasis on leadership in scoring entries.
2. Provide more teacher aid by:
   a. Sponsoring workshops for teachers, giving special emphasis on proficiency awards. These to be given by state officers, especially to new teachers.
   b. Possible use of Alumni members as examples, consultants, etc. by advisor and member.
   c. Present Proficiency Award Guide to be included in FFA Chapter Guide of Activities.
   d. An abbreviated form be developed for use as a teaching aid or for record use on yearly basis.

We also recommend the following be considered:

1. That there be a combination of the Outdoor Recreation and Fish

and Wildlife Management contests.

2. That the present Horticulture award be considered for possible improvements.
3. That more emphasis be put on improving production programs.
4. That space be left on award applications for possible imprint of state sponsors.
5. That a need for members to be able to have information readily available be emphasized.

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NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS COMMITTEE

We, the 1973 National Chapter Awards Committee, submit the following recommendations for the improvement of the FFA awards programs:

1. That a Division XI of the National Chapter Award Program be added, called "Alumni Relations," with a suggested score of 50 points. This should become effective in the 1975 application for the award.
2. That the following questions be added to the list for Superior Chapter Safety award rating:
   a. Division I - Chapter has one student designated in each class as a shop safety foreman to oversee that proper safety procedures are followed.
   b. Division II - Chapter promote activity to promote firearm safety.

   Also, more clearly state that number of members participating is required in Part II, on all questions.
3. That the Superior rating system be installed in the BOAC program.
4. That the National Board of Directors review the 16 basic BOAC questions and revise them so percentages and number of members participating in activities be recorded in place of the present system of indicating participation by check mark (similar to the Superior Chapter Safety award application and Superior Chapter award program.
5. It is also recommended that to make our three awards programs more effective on the chapter, state and national level that:
   a. State officers should discuss said programs on tours and leadership training programs.
   b. That the FFA Chapter Champions, National Safety booklets, and Annual FFA Foundation Report be sent to state officers and made available to state offices and local chapters upon request.
   c. That said booklets should be presented to in-service vocational agriculture meetings.
   d. That a check sheet be provided which has addresses and order forms for above materials (b).

e. That the booklets be mentioned in the update series.
f. That they be brought up in district and state leadership camps.
g. That each chapter set up special committees concerning BOAC and Chapter Safety.
h. That chapter officers have workshops for the members.
i. That the programs continue to be part of the regional state officer conferences and Washington State Presidents' Conference.
j. That each chapter train their members on programs.

We would like to commend the National FFA Center for the job they have been accomplishing for these programs. We would also like to encourage that these three programs be continued and that chapters be encouraged once again to apply for these awards.

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NATIONAL CONTESTS COMMITTEE

We, the 1973 National Contests Committee, wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Earl Wineinger and Mr. Robert Seefeldt, for their efforts in the successful operation of the National Contests. We wish to extend special appreciation and thanks to the Mid-America Dairymen Inc., The Associated Milk Producers, Inc., the Ralston Purina Company and the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for sponsoring the National Contests as Special Projects of the National FFA Foundation. Finally, we wish to thank the State Consultants, Mr. Arnold Cordes and Mr. R. D. Hagan, and Special Consultant, Mr. John Lacey, for their assistance and guidance on the committee study. We suggest the following recommendations to better the existing contests:

1. That two sets of oral reasons be added to the dairy judging contest.
2. That all states not currently participating in the Meats Contest be invited to observe the operation of the contest.
3. That the possibility of conformation analysis classes be considered for addition to the Poultry Contest.
4. That two sets of oral reasons be added to the Livestock Contest, making a total of three, thus one set for each species of livestock.
5. That a sweepsteak trophy be awarded to the state association with the best overall performance in the six contests.
6. That the American Royal be recognized for their contribution to the Dairy Contest when the contest winners are presented to the convention.
7. That a first-place showmanship award be given in the Dairy Contest and all three areas of the Livestock Contest, in addition to the present gold, silver and bronze rankings.

8. That the possibility of a national parliamentary procedure contest be considered.
9. That the National FFA Organization endorse the International Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City, and recognize the winners in an appropriate manner.
10. That a special committee consider the possibility of establishing a Land Judging Contest in Kansas City during the convention.
11. That a more determined effort be made to inform the public of the National Contests and their winners.
12. That all members should have the opportunity to participate in the Contests Program.
13. That a Horticulture Judging Contest be established, if possible, by the 47th annual National FFA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

We, the 1973 National FFA Convention Committee, having reviewed the 45th National Convention Proceedings and viewed the 46th annual convention of the Future Farmers of America, wish to commend the national officers and Board of Directors for one of the best conventions ever held. However, in an attempt to improve the excellence we have attained, we make the following recommendations:

1. We commend the national officers for having an extra business session, but suggest that more time be allowed for the business, if at all possible.
2. We feel the slide presentations were an asset to the convention, and strongly suggest the continuance of these presentations.
3. Extra delegate packets be prepared for alternate delegates who might serve in place of the Nominating Committee members. We urge that all alternate delegates be present at the orientation meeting.
4. A suggestion sheet and/or lesson plan be distributed along with the Proceedings as a teaching aid for advisors.
5. Where appropriate, more action photographs be distributed throughout the Convention Proceedings to include a group picture of the official delegates and the passing of the gavel.
6. That extra copies of the Proceedings and slide presentations, with script, be made available through the National FFA Supply Service at the lowest possible cost.
7. That bright, attractive colors, preferably blue and gold, be used for the cover of the Convention Proceedings, that would include the national theme symbol.
8. That we continue the inspiring Vespers Program, conducted by the national officers.
9. That the National Board of Directors consider the possibility of conducting a national parliamentary procedure contest.
10. That state association demonstrations be given at times other than those of the convention sessions.

We also recommend that the Future Farmers of America commend and extend sincere appreciation to the individuals and groups that have devoted their time and money in making this convention a tremendous success.

1. The National Advisor, Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; National Executive Secretary, Mr. Wm. Paul Gray; members of the National Board of Directors; national staff and secretaries; state staffs and local advisors for their untiring efforts and continuing assistance to members of the FFA.

2. The 1972-73 national officers for providing all of the characteristics and traits of inspiration, leadership and brotherhood, and the united dedication of these six men who contributed to the success of the 46th convention.
3. Mr. Malcolm McVie, 1973 Chairman of the Foundation Sponsoring Committee, and the members for their outstanding job and the leadership portrayed in that organization.
4. All members of the President's National Advisory Council on Vocational Education for attending and participating in the convention program.
5. Honorable Charles B. Wheeler, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri; the Kansas City Police Department and the residents of Kansas City for their fantastic hospitality and loyalty to the FFA.
6. All members of the National FFA Band and Chorus, and a special thank you to the North Carolina Quartet and the convention organist, Steve Hofing. We also wish to express our thanks to Mr. Roger Heath, Mr. Marvin Myers, Mr. Don Erickson and their loyal assistants for rendering their services to the musical aspect of this conven ion.
7. The Kansas City FFA Convention Advisory Committee, the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the management and staff of the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium for their continuance to believe in our purposes and their unselfish loyalty in serving the FFA.
8. Julie Nixon Eisenhower for sharing time from her busy schedule to bring us timely and inspiring remarks.
9. Honorable George C. Wallace, Governor of Alabama, for his inspiring remarks and continued support of the FFA.
10. Congressman Bill Gunter, U. S. House of Representatives, for sharing with us his time and ideas and for his continued support of the FFA.
11. Miss Pam Powell, White House Staff Assistant, and Colonel James E. Bean, U. S. Air Force, for their enlightening words and support of the FFA.
12. Dr. Sidney P. Marland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Congressman Jerry Litton, U. S. House of Representatives, for their support and inspiring remarks.
13. The Wurlitzer Organ Company for loaning us the electric organ which added pleasure to the convention.
14. The director and assistants of the Courtesy Corps, Ushers, Stage/Arena Crews and all others who assisted in the smoothness of the convention.

15. The sponsors of the Awards Program who made it possible for the FFA to honor their top groups and individuals. Their support is greatly appreciated.
16. The sponsors of all meal functions for taking time to meet with us and giving their continued support to us.
17. The sponsors of the slide and film presentations for their time and effort in constructing these presentations to give us a better insight of our organization.
18. All companies, civic clubs and individuals who sponsored and made possible the many activities providing involvement and enjoyment for the FFA members.
19. The trade and professional associations, exhibitors of the informative and worthwhile agricultural career exhibits and the state associations for their important and dynamic exhibits.
20. The respected judges, officials and participants in the various contests, awards programs and other special events for serving the FFA by selecting the winners.
21. The people of the American Royal for providing a day of festivities that was educational and entertaining for the members.
22. The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for once again climaxing our convention with their program.
23. The Color Guard from Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base.
24. All organizations of the press, TV and radio that have let the nation know about this convention, and our appreciation to Mr. Dan Reuwee for his publicizing efforts. We also wish to show our gratitude to the Newspaper Farm Editors of America and the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.
25. Tim Burke, Robert Walston, all youth guests and other individuals who spoke or played a role in the 46th National Convention, we give our thanks and best wishes.
26. All chapter representatives and their advisors, and all state officer representatives and delegates for their attendance and cooperation in the conducting of the 46th National FFA Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL DEGREE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The National Degree Program Committee, after careful consideration submit the following recommendations to the Boards of National Officers and Directors:

1. Article VI - Section B (Greenhand Degree) -- More clearly define what constitutes a satisfactory and acceptable plan for a Supervised Occupational Experience Program.
2. Article VI - Section C (Chapter Farmer Degree) - Clearly

define the number of school days constituting a semester.

3. Article VI - Section D (State Farmer Degree) -- Improve the uniformity of the State Farmer Applications across the Nation, by providing one State Farmer Degree form from the national organization, to include justification of net worth.
4. Article VI - Section E (American Farmer Degree) -- That the National Board of Directors and Officers consider proposing a Constitutional amendment to Article VI, Section, E, Item 3, to provide students applying for the American Farmer Degree the option of qualifying by either earning $1,000. or by completing 1,000 hours of Directed Laboratory Experience.
5. That only one application form be provided to the States by the National FFA Organization for the American Farmer Degree. Therefore, there would be no sub-division of the degree.
6. Leave to the discretion of each State as to the recognition program for the Star Chapter, State Farmer and American Farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

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FFA ALUMNI COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National FFA Alumni Committee, feel that the FFA organization should play an active role in the development of the FFA Alumni Association. We therefore make the following recommendations to further leadership development at all levels:

1. Each state officer support and assist the Alumni by:
   a. Making chapter visits and speaking engagements to urge the joining of the FFA Alumni Association.
   b. Helping in the formation of a local Alumni chapter in the community, as well as others in the area.
   c. Having a representative attend State Alumni Council meetings.
2. Incorporate the "Alumni Relations Committee" as Division XI of the Program of Activities of State Associations and local chapters, as a guideline to involve the FFA Alumni in worthwhile activities.
3. Each chapter qualify at least one recipient for the "Legion of Merit Citation" to be presented at the next National FFA Convention.
4. Each State Alumni Association adopt an incentive program to recognize the "Legion of Merit Citation" recipients within their state.
5. Each State FFA Association include the Alumni in the program of their State FFA Convention.
6. Recognize the importance of full cooperation and recognition of FFA Advisors in promoting the Alumni and informing them of its benefits to them. We, recommend that information be provided to each local advisor on how an Alumni affiliate can

benefit him.

7. Consideration be given to building the Alumni into the different award program applications, such as:
   a. BOAC
   b. Honorary State Farmer Degree applications for teachers
   c. Honorary American Farmer Degree applications for teachers
8. Develop a slide presentation explaining the purposes and development of an FFA Alumni affiliate.
9. FFA Alumni membership in each State Association and local chapter be at least 10% of the active membership before the next national convention.
10. Encourage the "Every Member Get a Member" campaign be supported and conducted by FFA chapters.
11. FEA organizations at all levels give complete support to the FFA Alumni Association.
12. This convention commend the National FFA Alumni Association and its members for the fine example they have set thus far.
13. Since the FFA organization should plan an active role in the development of the FFA Alumni Association, we recommend that every delegate become an Alumni member.

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NATIONAL FFA SUPPLY SERVICE COMMITTEE

We, the National FFA Supply Service Committee, offer the following recommendations:

1. That the official dress for female members be a dark, solid skirt, white blouse or turtle neck and official girl's jacket zipped to the top. Dark slacks may be worn for outdoor activities, such as judging.
2. That the official dress for male members be dark solid slacks, white shirt, blue FFA tie, official jacket zipped to the top and dark shoes and sox.
3. FFA members should be appropriately dressed for all occasions.
4. That official girl jackets be re-tailored to fit properly.
5. That a section be added to the Official Manual stating official dress for FFA members.
6. That in the Official Manual, Page 14, Section 5, on the Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket and Blazer, the words "or blazer" be deleted.
7. That a Section 15, be added to the Proper Use of the Official FFA Jacket and Blazer on Page 14, of the Official Manual stating that the blazer may be worn as an addition to the official jacket on informal occasions, or when official FFA representation is not required.
8. That a matching blue baseball styled cap be added to the Supply Service inventory.

9. That a blue, light weight scarf for girls be added to the Supply Service inventory.

The committee wishes to extend their appreciation to the Supply Service for outstanding cooperation with all FFA members. We would also like to thank Miss Mary Ella Rowles, Fashion Coordinator, The Boyle Needle Company, Freeport, Illinois, for her advice to our committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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NATIONAL FFA WEEK COMMITTEE

The members of the National FFA Week Committee for 1973, submit the following recommendations for a more effective National FFA Week program:

I. National Activities
   a. National officers appear on national television during week.
   b. National president issue a "challenge" to chapters prior to FFA Week to encourage increased activities.
   c. Have a proclamation signed by a high Government official.
   d. Stress FFA Week at Washington Summer Conferences and at Sub-Regional Leadership Conferences.

II. State Activities
   a. State officers conduct a good-will tour and/or increased chapter visits.
   b. Publicize as much as possible.
      (1) Utilize items available from the National FFA Supply Service.
      (2) Stress career opportunities available from vocational agriculture and FFA.
   c. Stress public relations at State Leadership Conferences.
   d. Utilize theme in all presentations.
   e. State officers meet Government leaders.
   f. Utilize communications to encourage chapters to participate in week's activities and report to state on activities.

III. Chapter Activities
   a. Involve Alumni Association in activities.
   b. Conduct local activities utilizing "How to do it and idea packet" and promotional items from the National FFA Supply Service.

IV. Promotional Items
   a. Investigate a possible one minute television spot made available to chapters and states.
   b. Include a list of materials available in the Supply Service catalogue.
   c. We encourage chapters to use the materials available from the Supply Service, including the idea packet.

V. A list of eleven theme ideas were submitted to Mr. Jack Pitzer, the coordinator of FFA Week activities, for future consideration.

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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National Leadership Conference Committee, have reviewed and evaluated all aspects of the conference and respectfully make the following recommendations:

Chapter Presidents' Conferences:

1. Add to objectives of the conference, "To provide participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas with representatives from the national staff, other agricultural related organizations (Farm Bureau, Grange, etc.) and other youth organizations (4-H, DECA, VICA, etc.).
2. Continue to hold the conferences in Washington, D. C.
3. Increase the number of conferences to five week-long programs on a similar format as last year.
4. Continue to operate conferences of approximately 100 members per week.
5. Again employ a director and two counselors.
6. Raise the conference fee to $110.
7. Allow only two members per chapter, per summer.
8. Incorporate a program for a followup survey of individual goals into the conferences (suggested followup to be six months after conference).
9. Continue similar leadership technique sessions.
10. Change the information brochure to read FFA chapter "representatives" instead of "officers."
11. Include in the pre-conference materials a request for each chapter to bring copies of their local program of activities.
12. Include in the pre-conference materials a sample copy of last year's program.
13. Have the pre-conference materials addressed and sent to all chapter presidents.
14. Have enough copies of above for all state officers and sent to these state officers.
15. Suggest to State Associations that conference participants be recognized at the state conventions.

16. Suggest to the National FFA Supply Service that they look into providing a medal or pin for use in recognizing conference participants.

State Presidents' Conference

1. Add to the objectives, "Opportunity for participants to exchange ideas with leaders of other agriculture related organizations (Farm Bureau, Grange, etc.) and other youth organizations (4-H, DECA, VICA, etc.).
2. Increase the time spent on Capital Hill for meeting Legislators.
3. Provide more photographers.
4. Incorporate into the conference program, a program for follow-up survey of individual goals (suggested time duration for survey, six months).
5. Conference director contact local news media during the conference.
6. Send with pre-conference materials a program from last year's conference.

To follow up the summer leadership conferences, we make the following resolutions to go on record for the 46th Annual National FFA Convention:

"Be it resolved that the National FFA sincerely appreciates the support and sponsorship from General Motors Corporation for the 1973 State Presidents' Conference."

"Be it resolved that the National FFA commends and appreciates the work of the national staff at the FFA Center; Dennis Engleke, Conference Director and Sammy Peebles and Randy Roller, Counselors, in making the 1973 Summer National Leadership Conferences a success."

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1974 NATIONAL FFA PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

(This Program of Activities is a three-point guide to the National FFA Organization. Chapters should refer to the appropriate section of the Official FFA Manual and the Chapter Champions Publication from the National FFA Center for ideas and direction in local program planning. The results and accomplishments of this Program of Activities will be reported in the National FFA Executive Secretary's written report at the 1974 National FFA Convention.)

AREA: Services (to State FFA Associations, chapters and FFA Members)

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
National FFA Supply Service	1. Make available from one source needed and wanted official FFA supplies of highest possible quality at lowest possible price in as short a time as possible.	a. Administer operation of National FFA Supply Service. b. Maintain high quality of merchandise. c. Employ the necessary qualified staff to maintain an efficient operation.
	2. Encourage all members to obtain their FFA supplies from their own National FFA Supply Service for the benefit of their organization.	d. Add or eliminate items from the catalogue as approved by the National Board of Directors. e. Inform teachers and students that the only FFA official supplier is at the National FFA Center in Alexandria, Virginia.
The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine	1. To publish and mail directly to the home of all members six issues annually.	a. Administer publication of magazine. b. Collect FFA member subscriptions and home addresses with FFA dues. c. Maintain a mailing list of all FFA members and other subscribers. d. Encourage the use of the FFA Magazine in the public relations program of local chapters, state associations and national organization.
	2. Continue to tailor magazine for the members and readers.	a. Survey interest and desires of readers during coming year. b. Visit members at conventions, chapter meetings and with teachers on selected occasions to analyze needs of the membership.
	3. Increase revenue for operating FFA magazine.	c. Obtain information and pictures from members. d. Feature agri-emphasis in each issue.

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
Official FFA Calendar	1. Make available an Official FFA Calendar for use by all local chapters in their public relations activities. 2. To have more than 1500 FFA chapters and 45 State Associations actively participating in the program in 1974. 3. Every FFA member has his own copy of an Official FFA Calendar.	a. Administer publication, promotion and distribution of calendar. b. Keep states and local chapters informed on how to use calendar via media-like direct mail, advertising in magazine and exhibits at conventions and conferences. c. Encourage state and chapters to use the calendar program for effective public relations, as well as a money-making activity. d. Offer four styles of calendar; three plans of participation.
Information	1. Inform all FFA members, advisors, supporters and general public about the agricultural education program. 2. Prepare and distribute news releases on all regional and national award winners and national program participants. Photographs included when feasible. 3. Increase radio and TV contact with national officers. 4. Promote the annual FFA theme, with more than 3000 chapters using official FFA Week promotional materials offered by the organization. 5. Promote to general public more awareness of the FFA.	a. Administer an information service. b. Provide general information on agricultural education to news resources. c. Publicize regional and national award winners. d. Provide a news photo service. e. Organize a media contact program for national officers' tour. f. Plan, develop, distribute, and promote National FFA Week materials. g. Develop and produce an annual report of National FFA Organization. h. Design and produce informational materials on Foundation programs. i. Supply year-around FFA promotional radio and TV public service announcements. j. Encourage State Associations and local chapters to use national media aids in their public relations work.
International	1. Make available international educational experiences for chapters and members. 2. Support and assist Future Farmer organizations around the world.	a. Administer a program of international experiences. b. Arrange for three and six months' work experience programs. c. Develop plans for special projects with developing countries.

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
	3. Develop and conduct cooperative projects with Peace Corps, FAO, UNESCO, ILO, or other international organizations and foundations to provide technical assistance to rural youth programs.	d. Provide services to countries developing FFA-like organizations. e. Provide information in the Chapter Guide. f. Assist where possible Future Farmer organizations in Panama, Colombia, Thailand, Japan, Phillipines, Vietnam and Australia. g. Projects and programs to be prepared and approved as they occur. h. Conduct and promote an international study tour for State officers.
Contests and Awards	1. Increase participation within the agricultural proficiency awards program from the 1971-72 total of 142,214 to 150,000. 2. Provide a program to encourage FFA chapters to more effectively use the FFA in agricultural education. 3. Continue effective program with all 50 State Associations. 4. Increase the number of Superior rated chapters from the present 2568 to 3000. 5. Increase the number of chapters participating in the safety program above the chapter level from the present 536 to 600. 6. Promote national contests to have at least 45 state teams participating in the Dairy Cattle Contest, 32 state teams in the Milk Quality and Dairy Foods Contest, 34 state teams in the Meats Contest, 32 state teams in the Poultry Contest, 46 state teams in the Livestock Contest and 35 state teams in the Agricultural Mechanics Contest. 7. Increase participation in the BOAC program from 503 to 600.	a. Provide agricultural proficiency award recognition at the chapter, state, regional and national level. Encourage each state to have local chapters submit proficiency applications to the next level of competition before receiving the local proficiency award medal. b. Arrange to provide speaking contest recognition at the local, state, regional and national levels. c. Provide encouragement and recognition to FFA chapters to include the National Chapter Award program, Safety and Contests (Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Meats, Poultry, Agricultural Mechanics, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods) in their program of activities. d. Encourage State Associations to expand and/or improve their programs by providing funds for state initiated activities. e. Continue exploration for method to improve present programs and to expand into new areas needed in the FFA. f. Provide forms and other information in the Chapter Guide, handbooks and promotional brochures.

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
Leadership	1. Operate the State Presidents' Conference for 50 State Presidents and additional state officers from each state, along with selected international students.	a. Organize with General Motors the special project sponsor. b. Plan with national officers and Center staff. c. Utilize summer conference staff in operating the program.
	2. Conduct Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences to serve all states and all state officers, encouraging 100% participation.	a. Evaluate 1973 program. b. Set tentative dates by December 1. c. Plan regional conferences with national officers and state staffs. d. Schedule national officers and staff. e. Prepare and ship materials.
	3. Serve 550 chapter representatives and advisors representing at least 375 chapters in Washington Conference Program.	a. Prepare budget and design conference promotional brochure. b. Mail brochures to chapters in January and April. c. Employ staff d. Plan program with national officers and staff. e. Conduct and evaluate the summer program.
	4. National officers participate in state, area or district leadership conferences and workshops on request from the states.	a. Prepare officers for chapter officer and FFA member leadership functions. b. Offer the national officers to states for the leadership training. c. Schedule officers during months and weeks when available.

AREA: Organizational Operations (Necessary functions to maintain and operate the national organization)

National FFA Board of Directors	Operate an efficient productive National FFA Organization.	a. Maintain system of selection. b. Arrange for annual meetings (July, October and January). c. Prepare agenda and facilities. d. Print and distribute minutes.
National FFA Governing Committee	Maintain decision making process between Board meetings.	a. Meet on call to make necessary decisions for the Board. b. Prepare and distribute minutes of Governing Committee meetings.

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
National FFA Officers	Provide inspiring, outstanding FFA officer leadership to the organization. Plan and expedite travel to reach every State. National Officers' Tour to visit 30 cities.	a. Elect according to the Constitution and Public Law 740, at each national convention. b. Train national officers. c. Program officers into all State FFA Conventions, regional and national leadership conferences and other regional and national meetings for which they are requested. d. Arrange for officers to attend other State FFA activities when requested. e. Plan and conduct a nationwide National Officers' Tour, visiting sponsors to the National FFA Foundation and other representatives of business, industry, organizations and individuals.
National FFA Alumni Council	Operate and administer the National FFA Alumni Association.	a. Maintain Alumni Council selection system. b. Provide financial assistance. c. Coordinate through the National Board.
Delegates to National Convention	Provide membership representation in organizational decision making.	a. Arrange for selection, housing, orientation and seating of delegates. b. Provide travel funds for delegates. c. Prepare national officers for delegate sessions. d. Record results.
National FFA Convention	1. Provide a place for delegate work on national organization business. 2. Recognize all national award winners. 3. Provide agricultural career information to advisors and members. 4. Inform agricultural and business leaders about the FFA. 5. Publicize vocational education in agriculture. 6. Inspire and motivate FFA members and advisors.	a. Plan annual convention in October, the week preceding the American Royal. b. Prepare and distribute convention publicity. c. Select national award winners, Star Farmer, Star Agribusinessman, Public Speaking and 15 Agricultural Proficiency Award areas. d. Arrange for award recipients to be present and well organized using proper slides. e. Operate a national band, chorus, courtesy corps, stage/arena crews, ushers and talent program. f. Confer American Farmer Degrees, Honorary American Farmer Degrees, Distinguished Service Awards and other appropriate recognition.

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		g. Recognize sponsors to National FFA Foundation. h. Plan and operate an Agricultural Career Show of Agricultural Trade Associations and Professional Societies. i. Operate a National FFA Center Exhibit. j. Conduct seven National Contests. k. Conduct the National FFA Convention in cooperation with State Associations, Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and others.
Budget	Carry out authorization of convention delegates and Boards.	a. Prepare a budget. b. Budget approved by the National Board. c. All expenses approved through the FFA Center financial system.
Finance	Adaquately finance FFA.	a. Receive National FFA dues from members. b. Sell advertising. c. Operate a Supply Service. d. Utilize Foundation funds.
Publications	Provide State Associations and chapters with publications relevant to FFA and agribusiness.	a. Prepare and distribute Proceedings of National FFA Conventions. b. Revise, update and provide through the Supply Service an information booklet on vocational agriculture and the FFA. c. Revise annually the Official FFA Manual. d. Prepare an annual report of the FFA as a national organization. e. Prepare and distribute Foundation award program materials. f. Develop and distribute the Chapter Guide. g. Prepare and distribute other materials as needed.

ITEM	GOALS	WAYS AND MEANS
	AREA: Cooperative Activities (Activities in which the FFA cooperates with other organizations, agencies or groups)	
National Farm Organizations	Cooperate in appropriate activities with all national farm organizations.	a. Have annual meetings of National FFA Officers with officials of American Institute of Cooperation, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Grange, American Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Farmers Education and Cooperative Union, Farm Institutes and others. b. Have an officer attend and take part in the program of national farm organizations when requested.
American Royal Livestock Show	Participate in American Royal.	a. Plan and coordinate National Livestock Contests held at the American Royal. b. Provide National FFA Band and Chorus for American Royal activities. c. Provide time in the National FFA Convention program for FFA representatives to participate in the American Royal FFA Day. d. Exhibit livestock at the American Royal by FFA members. e. Cooperate in selection of American Royal Queen.
Expositions or Fairs	FFA to be represented at regional and national expositions.	a. Arrange for national officers to attend and participate upon request. b. Provide assistance with exhibits, expositions, pageants and programs. c. Provide assistance to State Associations on all programs and exhibits which stress the activities of the FFA when requested and when feasible.
FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee	Provide financial support for FFA award programs.	a. Cooperate with the Foundation Sponsoring Committee and its Executive Director. b. Expend Foundation funds approved by the

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		National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. c. Recognize annually the Foundation sponsors. d. Involve Foundation sponsors at the national convention.
National Safety Congress	Provide for FFA input into National Safety Council activities.	a. Participate in the Youth Conference of the Council. b. Involve national officers in the annual Safety Congress activities.
Vocational Student Organizations	Enhance the total vocational student organization movement as a part of instruction.	a. Meet with National Vocational Student Organization representatives monthly. b. Plan selected cooperative functions.
National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association	Maintain cooperative working relationships.	a. Involve national officers in NVATA annual meetings. b. NVATA President to serve as consultant to the National Board of Directors.
Keep America Beautiful	Keep informed on beautification activities in the United States.	a. Schedule national officers to KAB national meetings. b. Involve a national officer in the Youth Advisory Council of KAB.
National Bicentennial Commission	Encourage a stronger participation in Bicentennial activities.	Follow recommendations and participate in activities of the Bicentennial Commission.

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We, the members of the National Program of Activities Committee, have carefully reviewed and inspected the proposed 1974 National Program of Activities and submit the following recommendations to the Boards of National Officers and Directors for their consideration:

1. All official delegates to the National FFA Convention have a copy of the present year's National Program of Activities, including a column of results and accomplishments.
2. Establish two additional National FFA Convention committees, namely "Information and Public Relations" and "Official FFA Calendar."
3. The National FFA Program of Activities be printed in the National Convention Proceedings, with a note stating it is not suitable for local chapter use, but a three-point guide for the national organization.
4. Consideration be given to recommendation of the National FFA Convention Committees effecting the National Program of Activities.
5. That the tenth division of the local Program of Activities be modified to include International Participation. To read, "Participation in State, National and International Activities."
6. Addition of "Alumni Relations" as a major division of local Programs of Activities.
7. Submit additions and corrections to the 1974 proposed National FFA Program of Activities.

The committee wishes to express appreciation to Dr. Earl Kantner, of Ohio, and Mr. Coleman Harris, of the national staff for their efforts.

(NOTE: The committee's recommendations were used to update the National Program of Activities.)

Respectfully submitted,
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SCOTT McKAIN, Indiana — NORMAN EDWARDS, Virginia
WILSON MARTIN, Pennsylvania — NEIL BOWMAN, Arizona
MARK KEHRLI, Iowa — BARRY RINEHART, Mississippi

REGIONAL STATE OFFICER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences Committee for 1973, would like to commend the Planning Committee that met in Kansas City last December for their work and planning which we feel resulted in very successful conferences. We would, however, like to submit the following recommendations.

That the primary objectives for the Regional State Officer Leadership Conferences should be:

1. Improve communication ability.
   a. Personal one-on-one relationships.

b. Improve speech mechanics, writing and presentations.
2. Develop social graces.
3. Meet other state officers and exchange ideas.
4. Motivate state officers.
   a. Develop confidence, initiative and desire.
   b. Improve the image of the FFA and the entire agriculture industry.
5. Provide material on structure, programs and activities of the organization.
6. Give hints on convention and meeting plannings.

We would also like to submit the following general recommendations:

1. The State Officer Conferences be officially known as "State Officer Leadership Conferences."
2. Two national officers be provided for all regional conferences.
3. A member of the national staff attend each regional conference to serve as a resource person.
4. It is the responsibility of each state to have the entire state officer team and one state staff member at each conference.
5. Each participant in a State Officer Leadership Conference receive a certificate recognizing his or her involvement in the program.
6. The following state officer resource and reference materials be provided by the FFA Center for each conference participant:
   a. A set of summary sheets (5-1/2 x 8-1/2) on FFA programs, speaking and other leadership topics for use in officer handbook.
   b. "Chapter Guide to FFA Activities" for school year 1973-74.
   c. Pocket folder of FFA leadership materials (8-1/2 x 11).
7. Up to $100. for each regional conference be available to pay travel and per diem for outside resource personnel.
8. An order of banquet supplies, including cups, napkins, place mats, name cards and other items appropriate for a banquet be sent to each conference site from the Supply Service in Alexandria, Virginia.
9. An award for the winner of the quiz bowl be sent to each conference site from the Supply Service.
10. The host state provide participants a list of names to which "thank you" notes or letters should be sent.
11. Organized recreation be included in the program.
12. The conference should be limited to include from 25 to 50 state officers.
13. State Officer Leadership Conferences should be arranged so that no conference will be held later than two months following the date the officers assume their duties.
14. The conferences be one full day longer.
15. The Regional State Officer Leadership Conference Planning Committee again meet and review our recommendations and organize a basic agenda for the 1974 conferences. This committee should include the national officers, a national staff representative and the host state staff person in charge of each of the 1973 conferences.

15. The national staff write a general news release and the host state staff make arrangements for appropriate photography.

Respectfully submitted,
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THE NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

We, the members of the 1973 National FUTURE FARMER Magazine Committee, after thoroughly reviewing past and current issues, submit the following recommendations.

1. Continue printing articles concerning:
   a. National contest winners.
   b. National FFA Officers, their travels and experiences during their term of office.
   c. Work Experience Abroad Programs, leadership conferences, career opportunities and other topics of interest to FFA members.
2. Encourage The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine to support Bicentennial activities conducted by local chapters and State Associations with appropriate coverage wherever possible.
3. Suggest inclusion of appropriate guest editorial.
4. Greater emphasis be placed on coverage of National Board highlights and discussions in The National FUTURE FARMER on a regular basis.
5. All national leadership activities be covered in the magazine.
6. Encourage local chapters to include the complete mailing address, including zip code of each member on the roster.
7. Cooperation be encouraged between The National FUTURE FARMER and local vo-ag instructors concerning distribution of The National FUTURE FARMER directly to the active membership.
8. If consideration is given to an increase in national FFA dues, attention should be given to provide for increased costs of production and distribution needed to maintain the high quality of The National FUTURE FARMER.
9. We strongly recommend that local chapters and State Associations support the National Calendar Program conducted by The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

We congratulate the staff of The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine for the achievements listed in the Executive Secretary's Report and encourage their increased dedication to reach higher objectives.

Respectfully submitted,
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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FFA TREASURER
JULIAN M. CAMPBELL

It is my privilege as National Treasurer of the FFA to bring to you a brief report of the financial status of your organization.

We have included in the delegates' packet of materials a mimeographed statement of Income and Retained Income for the year ended June 30, 1973, and a double printed sheet showing the percentage distribution of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1973.

As you are probably aware, this is the second year that your organization has operated under a control accounting system at the National FFA Center in Alexandria. Under the re-organized financial structure provisions were made for a comptroller to coordinate all of the FFA Organization's finances of the three major divisions; namely, the FFA Program Division, the FFA Magazine and the FFA Supply Service. Actually each division is identified within the financial structure, including the budget.

In the interest of time, I will not go into a lot of detail. Rather I will first review briefly the consolidated statement and then discuss the percentage distribution of revenue and expenditures for the past year.

Operating income from all sources for the year just ended totaled $1,582,467.98. This revenue was derived from merchandise sold to FFA members, advertising, subscriptions, calendar sales, membership dues, interest earned on reserve funds, management services, registration fees and miscellaneous income.

The combined operating expenses for the three divisions for the year ended June 30, 1973 was $1,493,003.23. These expenses consist primarily of salaries, editing, printing and mailing the magazine and calendar, travel of national officers and Board of Directors, cost of operating the national convention, maintenance of your FFA buildings, freight and postage and other national office expenses.

Comparing the retained income balances at the beginning and the end of the fiscal year, net income was $99,303.18.

The total Revenue, including the goods sold through the Supply Service, was $3,198,915.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED INCOME

Year Ended June 30, 1973

Operating Income:

Sales	$2,255,039.90	
Less: Cost of Goods Sold	1,580,451.12	
Gross Profit		$ 674,588.78
Advertising Income--Net of Agency Commisions and Discounts		244,465.68
Subscription Income		242,533.26
Calendar Income		94,705.92
Membership Dues		223,818.00
Convention Registration Income		37,241.00
Management Services--FFA Foundation		25,000.00
International Program--Net		4,296.59
Service Charge Income		36,517.98
Summer Conferences--Net		(1,136.23)
Royalty--Grant Publishing Company		325.00
Reprint Sales		112.00
Total Operating Income		$1,582,467.98

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	$ 476,604.61
Magazine Costs--Production	205,596.08
--Advertising	79,881.16
--Circulation	57,823.27
--Editorial	24,991.50
Calendar Costs and Expenses	86,899.82
Freight and Postage	87,192.56
Travel	64,022.61
National Convention	51,234.64
Maintenance and Utilities	54,571.57
Depreciation	29,849.90
Retirement Expense	50,419.91
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	36,902.44
F.I.C.A Tax	30,259.85
Advertising	31,065.22
National and Regional Leadership Conference	4,879.06
Public Relations	20,510.02
Wrapping and Shipping Supplies	12,307.99
Awards	7,441.10
Legal and Accounting	17,898.27
National Officers' Scholarships	6,000.00
Payroll Expense	1,412.29
Insurance--Disabilities	6,381.21

Supply Service Sales	70.50%
FFA Dues	13.99%
Advertising FFA Magazine	7.64%
FFA Calendar Sales	2.96%
Convention Registration Fees	1.16%
Service Charges	1.14%
Interest	.82%
Miscellaneous Subscriptions	.59%
Other Revenue	1.20%

Total Expenditures amounted to $3,099.612

Supply Service - Cost of Goods Sold	50.99%
FFA Program Division Operation Cost	13.68%
Supply Service Operating Costs	11.66%
FFA Magazine Operating Costs	10.40%
Fiscal Accounting Division and Building Operations	6.64%
FFA Magazine Printing and Distribution Costs	6.63%

Separate from the Consolidated FFA Account is the National FFA Foundation, which received its income from contributions from over 750 sponsors and from interest on reserve funds. The greater part of the FFA Foundation budget is expended in connection with your incentive awards program and special projects recognizing agricultural education members of the FFA for outstanding achievement in agricultural and leadership activities. Mr. Malcolm McVie, Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, will have a more complete, up-to-date report tomorrow on the status of the FFA Foundation.

On the recommendation of your National Officers and Board of Directors, reserve funds, operating capital and other available FFA funds are invested from time to time on a short term basis in banks and other financial institutions. Our investment program for the FFA as of September 10, 1973, totaled $544,445.00

All the FFA financial data is now processed through a minicomputer located at the FFA Center. This new system gives up-to-date information on cash flow three times a week which is most helpful to FFA staff members in making management decisions relating to your organization.

Your accounts are audited annually by Certified Public Accountants and copies of these adults are presented to your National Officers and Board of Directors for review in detail during Board meetings. The records are reviewed by your FFA Auditing Committee. A copy of the audit is also submitted to the Congress of the United States as required by law.

In closing this report, I would like to say that your Organization is in a sound financial condition and that we exercise every safeguard in handling the funds of your Organization.

Insurance--Group	$ 3,066.16	
Insurance--Other	6,808.96	
International Activities	8,410.51	
Telephone and Telegraph	13,903.52	
Taxes and Licenses	3,298.21	
Discontinued and Obsolete Merchandise	308.91	
Merchandise Losses	2,480.75	
Office Equipment Repairs	3,017.72	
Stenographic Expenses--National Officers	10.00	
Office Expense	2,501.29	
Truck and Auto Expense	514.86	
Miscellaneous	2,854.68	
Clothing and Equipment	1,682.58	
Total Operating Expenses		$1,493,003.23
Operating Income (Loss)		89,464.75
Other Expenses:		
Cash Discounts	4,693.55	
Discounts and Allowances	3,802.36	
Bad Debts	2,080.24	
		10,576.15
		78,888.60
Other Income:		
Interest Income	26,302.52	
Discounts Received	2,766.47	
Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets--Net	2,143.94	
Miscellaneous	3,646.92	
Income Before Extraordinary Items		34,859.85
		113,748.45
Extraordinary Items:		
Initial Provisions for Doubtful Accounts	1,908.00	
Abandoned Plan for Proposed National FFA Center	12,537.27	
Net Income		14,445.27
		99,303.18
Retained Income:		
Balance, July 1	1,606,496.02	
Depreciation Reserve Fund Transferred to Retained Income	45,347.53	
Balance, June 30		1,651,843.55
		$1,751,146.73

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL FFA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WM. PAUL GRAY

Program planning, goal achievement, accountability and evaluation are important factors to be considered as we review the FFA during the past year. We can be proud of past accomplishments, as well as many outstanding present programs in a wide range of FFA activities.

All advisors, FFA officers and members should be aware of the mandate given to vocational agriculture through Federal Legislation passed in 1962, making it clear that instruction in vocational agriculture be broadened beyond the "on-farm" training to include the "off-farm" occupational areas. Because vocational education reacted too slowly, amendments to this Act were passed in 1968 to "speed up" the off-farm training to fulfill the growing manpower needs of agriculture. An examination of the following enrollment trends since 1968 indicates vocational agriculture is beginning to fulfill its role as outlined by Congress in the instructional phase, but FFA membership has not kept pace!

Occupational Area	Enrollment-1968	Enrollment-1972
Production Agriculture (A)	388,400	342,729
Agribusiness - Off-Farm (B)	139,600	260,595
Total (A + B)	528,000	603,342
FFA Membership	443,041	432,288

Figures are incomplete in all areas for 1973; except there was an increase of 10,565 students in secondary vocational agriculture programs, with an increase of FFA membership to only 447,577. The enrollment figures give important "signals" for leaders in vocational agriculture--FFA and provide a challenge to all to raise the total FFA membership and provide total student involvement in FFA.

In planning programs, FFA members have an important role to fulfill through effective business sessions and sound committee work in areas of activities of great concern to all members. National officers, members, teachers, state staff members, teacher educators and leaders in business and industry should be used to help plan FFA programs, contests and other activities so they will be relevant to all members at all levels, as well as fulfill the needs of agriculture.

SELECTED STATE "HIGHLIGHT" ACTIVITIES

This year all states did an excellent job of reporting on a new report form.

1. State officers trained chapter officers and inspired younger members.
2. Reached many chapters with "Operation Updat." series.
3. Increased emphasis on TV and radio shows.

4. Conducted State Officer Tour to government, business and industry.
5. Expanded leadership training at camps.
6. Established incentive awards in areas not funded by the National FFA Foundation.
7. Increased participation in National Chapter, Safety and BOAC award programs.
8. Organized a State Alumni Association.
9. Distributed a calendar of state FFA activities to school administrators.
10. Engated in cooperative programs to improve wildlife habitat.
11. Arranged exchange visit of state officers with other state associations.
12. Established loan program in cooperation with Farmers Home Administration.
13. Conducted joint activities with other vocational student organizations in personal development and/or service activities.
14. Cooperated with FFA-WEA Program by hosting international participants.

NATIONAL FFA HIGHLIGHTS

The National FFA Center operations can be divided into four major divisions designed to give service to chapters and state associations, and to promote agricultural education and FFA. A progress report is given twice a year to the Board of Directors. Space does not permit elaboration on all programs, but we can give highlights of activities.

National FFA Supply Service

The past year was a good one for the National FFA Supply Service, thanks to excellent patronage of the membership. However, the inflationary economy in which we live creates difficult problems, especially with suppliers. As the cost of the raw materials continues to rise, they are forced to operate with a reduced number of employees to assure a fair profit. This creates a backlog of orders for customers and the Supply Service has often been forced to wait for delivery.

Price increases and shortages in gold, zink, wood, paper and cotton have resulted in discontinuance of some FFA items, higher prices and/or delay in delivery of other FFA items. However, the Supply Service will not sacrifice quality and will do everything in its power to maintain its high quality and service. We hope our membership will bear with us in these difficult times.

The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine

Your National FUTURE FARMER Magazine had its best year in the past five years. Major achievements include:

1. A 35.7% increase in advertising sales to 1,073 pages (total $300,127.84).
2. Record dollar volume in calendar sales.
3. Record sales of FFA Week supplies resulted in a marginal profit to the organization for this public relations activity.

4. An increase of 20 pages in the magazine, and more pages of color.
5. Increase in magazine circulation reflecting the increase in FFA membership.

The magazine published and mailed six issues, totaling approximately 2,700,000 copies. Numerous changes of address are made during the year and all complaints regarding members not getting their magazine are answered. In July and August this Division provides each state with computer printed lists of its members by chapters from the previous year. These are utilized in membership renewal and increases efficiency in handling this chore. We are indebted to the state staffs and local advisors for their cooperation.

Program Planning and Development

The Division staff is responsible for planning and expediting activities and programs that emphasize leadership training, coordinating national officers' service and travel, planning and expediting national contests and awards programs, coordinating international (WEA) programs, community development, FFA promotion and information development, planning and expediting the national convention, coordinating FFA Foundation activities, making in-service visits to states and keeping FFA activities in harmony with the vocational agriculture instructional program. A few major highlights are:

Leadership Training: The training of national officers for their involvement in planning and conducting state, regional and national conferences, leadership conferences for state and chapter officers, and the development of three officer handbooks were just a few outstanding activities.

State Conventions: At least one national officer attended each of the state conventions.

National Officers: Your national officers have rendered outstanding service during the past year. Each has traveled over 30,000 miles in fulfilling his responsibilities, visiting business and government leaders, helping conduct leadership conferences and meeting FFA members and chapters across the nation.

Contests and Awards: Over 13,500 Chapter Guides to FFA Activities were developed, assembled and mailed from the National Center.

The Agricultural Proficiency Awards programs now number 15, of which six are Special Projects. There has been an increased participation in the Agricultural Proficiency Award projects in the new areas. Chapter participation increased in the Safety, BOAC and Chapter programs. A new program in "Community Development" is getting underway, and promises to give great support to the BOAC program. Also, improvements have been made in all of the National Contests.

International: This is the 25th anniversary of the FFA International Exchange Program. This year 120 students and teachers took part in exchange programs of three months or more. From a program

of observation has grown a program of total involvement known as "Work Experience Abroad," that includes practical training in farming and agribusiness.

FFA Information: There has been an increase in the preparation and release to the general public and special interest groups, information about the FFA organization, its activities and accomplishments. Many slide programs have been made available for state and chapter use.

FFA Alumni Association

Four states organized State FFA Alumni Associations this past year, making a total of 44 chartered Alumni Associations. The number of life members in the Alumni has nearly tripled and the total membership has increased 52.9%. Several hundred FFA chapters have chartered FFA Alumni affiliates and the numbers are growing. Yet, there is great need to give support to this important "arm" of the FFA. An FFA Alumni emblem has been adopted and membership pins and other FFA Alumni supplies are now available through the National FFA Supply Service.

WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE

The FFA has grown by recognizing challenges and setting goals. Let us work united to meet the challenges in the following areas.

1. Every teacher utilize the FFA to support the instructional program by striving for 100% FFA membership and involving all members in selected activities as found in the Chapter Guide to FFA Activities.
2. Each state have over 75% of its chapters rate Superior in all three chapter awards programs.
3. Strive for 75% of states recommending a member for national office.
4. Use the Agricultural Proficiency Awards so they are truly incentive, with effective use of performance standards.
5. Greater emphasis must be placed upon accuracy and properly completed applications for all degrees and awards.
6. Each chapter organize and effectively use an FFA Alumni affiliate.
7. Design, approve and make possible a "Junior FFA" program.
8. Design and adopt a regional plan of operation to give fair and equitable distribution of membership.
9. State staffs, teacher educators, teachers and state officers must continue to use "Operation Update" to inform members.
10. State associations and chapters give greater emphasis to informing the public through State Officer Tours and use of news media.
11. Where applicable, states take the initiative in solving difficulties that prevail in providing FFA at area schools.
12. Fulfill our role in providing extended technical assistance to Future Farmer organizations around the globe.
13. The broadening and diversity of FFA programs, the increased requests for services, increased costs, along with other factors make it necessary for the FFA to evaluate the present financial limitations in relation to what is needed to continue a strong organization and increase membership fees accordingly.

NATIONAL FFA FOUNDATION
AWARDS AND CONTESTS

STAR FARMER OF AMERICA

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected from the American Farmer candidates who receive the degree at the time of the National FFA Convention. A check for $1,000 went to the Star Farmer of America, and checks of $500 were awarded to each of the other three regional "Stars."

Star Farmer of America--William A. Sparrow, Unadilla, Georgia
Star Farmer, Central Region--James Lee Harwood, Pattonsburg, Missouri
Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region--Thomas W. Aaron, Drumore, Pennsylvania
Star Farmer, Pacific Region--August Michael Sach, Rock Island, Washington

STAR FARMER OF AMERICA JUDGES

John E. Butterbrodt, President, Associated Milk Producers, Inc., Wisconsin
Edward F. Carter, Vice President, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Ohio
Glenn A. Christians, Vice President Merchandising, Massey-Ferguson, Inc., Iowa
James H. Dean, Vice Chairman, Federal Farm Credit Board, Washington, D. C.
R. W. Engle, Assistant General Manager, New Idea Farm Equipment, Ohio
Roger Fleming, Secretary-Treasurer, American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, D. C.
D. C. Haney, President, International Harvester Company, Illinois
H. J. Head, General Operations Manager, Ford Tractor and Implement Operations, Ford Motor Company, Michigan
T. A. Hymas, Manager, Ag Development, Dow Chemical U.S.A., Michigan
Clarke A. Nelson, Group Vice President, Carnation Company, California
William F. Pierce, Deputy Commissioner for Occupational and Adult Education, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
John G. Plowden, Vice President, Agricultural Division, CIBA-GEIGY Corporation, North Carolina
William A. Powell, President, Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., Missouri
Donald L. Staheli, Vice President, Allied Mills, Inc., Illinois
Fred Stines, Vice President, Magazine Division, Meredith Corporation, Iowa
Roderick Turnbull, Director of Public Affairs, Kansas City Board of Trade, Missouri
Robert L. Walston, Vice President, Funk Seeds International, Inc., Illinois

STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA

Beginning in 1959 the Star Agribusinessman of America has been selected from the American Farmer candidates. This year a tie in the judging of two of the regional Star Agribusinessmen which could not be resolved, resulted in two Star Agribusinessmen of America being named for the first time. These two "Stars" each received a $1,000 award from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. Each of the other regional "Stars" received $500.

Star Agribusinessman of America--Jack Rose, Elko, Nevada
Star Agribusinessman of America--Steven Redgate, Waynoka, Oklahoma
Star Agribusinessman, Central Region--Larry Gay, Princeton, Missouri
Star Agribusinessman, North Atlantic Region--Lloyd E. Lamb, Springville, New York

STAR AGRIBUSINESSMAN OF AMERICA JUDGES

B. Harold Anderson, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Colorado State University, Colorado
B. C. Bartlett, Vice President, Deere & Company, Illinois
Charles Dana Bennett, Special Consultant, Foundation for American Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
Jerry Danuser, Vice President, Danuser Machine Company, Missouri
George C. Delp, Chairman, Sperry New Holland, Pennsylvania
Roy Freeland, Secretary of Agriculture, Kansas
R. M. Hendrickson, President, Agricultural Division, Pfizer, Inc., New York
Reuben L. Johnson, Director of Legislative Services, National Farmers Union, Washington, D. C.
A. W. Tenney, Past National FFA Advisor, Florida
S. P. Marland, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D. C.
P. V. Miller, Jr., Chairman and President, Commerce Bank of Kansas City, Missouri
J. E. Lonning, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Kellogg Company, Michigan
John A. Morgan, Chairman of the Board, Butler Manufacturing Company, Missouri
Orion Samuelson, Farm Service Director, WGN Continental Broadcasting Company, Illinois
Melvin E. Sims, President, FS Services, Inc., Illinois
C. W. Wagner, Vice President, Montgomery Ward & Company, Missouri
William W. Wilkinson, Vice President, Central Soya, Inc., Indiana
W. G. Wilson, Director, Original Equipment Marketing, The B. F. Goodrich Tire Company, Ohio

William Sparrow, Star Farmer of America; Jack Rose, Star Agribusinessman of America; Steven Redgate, Star Agribusinessman of America.

1972-73 National FFA President Dwight Seegmiller presents the Honorary American Farmer Degree to Governor George Wallace.

1972-73 National FFA President Dwight Seegmiller presents gavel to 1973-74 National FFA President Mark Mayfield.

National FFA Public Speaking Contest Winner Neil Bowman of Yuma, Arizona.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The National FFA Chapter Awards Program, conducted annually by the national organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and encourage improvement in local chapter programs of activities. The awards program has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort, and in crystallizing chapter programs of activities into a series of worthwhile activities.

Chapters were grouped into Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem classifications, according to their record of accomplishments in supervised agricultural occupations experience programs, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, earnings and savings by members, conduct of meetings, scholarship of members, recreation and participation in state and national activities.

The top "Gold Emblem" rating was awarded to 101 local chapters. "Silver Emblem" ratings went to 102 chapters and "Bronze Emblem" ratings to 72 chapters. Chapters earning awards for this year follow.

Alabama ..... Gold Emblem: Crossville, Sylvania
Silver Emblem: Sparkman (Toney)

Arizona ..... Silver Emblem: Coolidge
Bronze Emblem: Douglas

Arkansas ..... Gold Emblem: Conway, Mansfield

California ..... Gold Emblem: Hilmar
Bronze Emblem: Ceres, Escalon, Modesto

Colorado ..... Gold Emblem: Eaton-Highland (Eaton), Fort Morgan, Holyoke, Larimer County (Fort Collins)
Silver Emblem: Cortez

Connecticut ..... Gold Emblem: Housatonic Valley (Falls Village)

Florida ..... Gold Emblem: Bartow Senior, Groveland Senior, Santa Fe "Senior" (Alachua), South Sumter Senior (Bushnell), Zephyrhills Senior
Silver Emblem: Auburndale Senior, Bradford Senior (Starke), Fort Meade, Interlachen, Palatka Senior, Santa Fe "Junior" (Alachua)
Bronze Emblem: Greensboro, Moore Haven

Georgia ..... Gold Emblem: Banks County (Homer), Jeff Davis (Hazlehurst), Early County (Blakely), Moultrie
Silver Emblem: Dawson County (Dawsonville) Effingham County (Springfield), Oconee (Watkinsville), Perry, Stephens County (Eastanollee), Winder-Barrow (Winder)
Bronze Emblem: Bainbridge, Commerce, Hancock (Sparta), Red Bud (Calhoun), Tompkins (Savannah)

Hawaii ..... Bronze Emblem: Waialua

Idaho ..... Gold Emblem: Meridian
Bronze Emblem: Cambridge, Payette

Illinois ..... Gold Emblem: Belvidere, Mt. Carroll, Northwestern (Sciota), Sycamore, Warren (Monmouth)
Silver Emblem: Bushnell-Prairie City (Bushnell), Harvard, Jacksonville, Paxton, Roanoke-Benson (Roanoke), Salem
Bronze Emblem: Ashland, Christopher, Galesburg (Fremont), Geneseo, Marissa, Southwestern (Piasa), Wapella, Waterman, Watseka

Indiana ..... Gold Emblem: Brownstown Central (Brownstown), Woodlan (Woodburn)
Silver Emblem: Clinton Central (Michigantown), Prairie Heights (LaGrange), Rossville
Bronze Emblem: Benton Central (Oxford), Noblesville, Tri-High (Straughn)

Iowa ..... Gold Emblem: Bloomfield, Buffalo Center Bison (Buffalo Center), Crestwood (Cresco), Iowa Falls, St. Ansgar
Silver Emblem: Manchester, North-Linn (Coggon), South Hamilton (Jewel), Waverly Shell Rock (Waverly)
Bronze Emblem: Audubon, LeMars

Kansas ..... Gold Emblem: Westmoreland
Silver Emblem: Atchison County (Effingham), Hill City

Kentucky ..... Gold Emblem: Bullitt Central (Shepherdsville), Lone Oak (Paducah), Lowes
Silver Emblem: Lyon County (Eddyville)
Bronze Emblem: Temple Hill (Glasgow), West Hardin (Stephensburg)

Louisiana ..... Gold Emblem: Saline, Slidell, Southwood (Shreveport)
Silver Emblem: Comeaux (Lafayette), Franklinton, Hessmer, Oak Grove, South Lafourche (Galliano), Winnfield

Maine ..... Gold Emblem: Limestone
Silver Emblem: Presque Isle

Maryland ..... Gold Emblem: Gaithersburg, Walkersville

Massachusetts .... Silver Emblem: Wachusett (Holden)
Bronze Emblem: Smith (Northamton)

Michigan ..... Gold Emblem: Cassopolis, Corunna
Silver Emblem: Marshall
Bronze Emblem: Hopkins, Ubly

Minnesota ..... Gold Emblem: New Ulm, Stillwater, Worthington
Bronze Emblem: Eagle Bend, Forest Lake, Renville

Mississippi ..... Gold Emblem: Morton
Bronze Emblem: Carthage, Walnut

Missouri	Gold Emblem: Chillicothe, Hamilton
	Silver Emblem: Carthage, East Prairie, South Shelby (Shelbina)
	Bronze Emblem: Aurora, Cameron, Carl Junction, Cassville, Fredericktown, Nodaway-Holt (Graham), Paris, Wheaton
Montana	Silver Emblem: Flathead (Kalispell)
	Bronze Emblem: Miles City
Nebraska	Gold Emblem: Kimball
	Silver Emblem: Omaha South (Omaha), St. Edward
Nevada	Gold Emblem: Ruby Mountain (Elko)
	Bronze Emblem: Moapa Valley (Overton)
New Jersey	Gold Emblem: Belvidere
	Silver Emblem: North Hunterdon Regional (Annandale)
New Mexico	Gold Emblem: Bloomfield
	Silver Emblem: Farmington, Portales
New York	Gold Emblem: Hamilton
	Silver Emblem: Barker
North Carolina ...	Gold Emblem: North Iredell (Olin), West Columbus (Cerro Gordo)
	Silver Emblem: Clyde A. Erwin (Asheville), Southern Wayne (Dudley), Sun Valley (Monroe)
North Dakota	Silver Emblem: Bottineau, Killdeer
Ohio	Gold Emblem: Hillsdale (Jeromesville), Loudonville, Miami Trace (Washington Court House), Ridgedale (Morral), Wauseon
	Silver Emblem: Delaware Hayes (Delaware), Elgin (Marion), Fredericktown, Marysville, Paulding
Oklahoma	Gold Emblem: Clinton, Guthrie, Perry, Thomas
	Silver Emblem: Alva, Broken Arrow, Burlington, Collinsville, Mannford, Prague, Stillwater, Tishomingo, Waukomis
	Bronze Emblem: John Marshall (Oklahoma City), Tecumseh, Walters, Webbers Falls
Oregon	Gold Emblem: Silverton
	Silver Emblem: Canby
Pennsylvania	Gold Emblem: Grassland (New Holland), Northern Lebanon (Fredericksburg)
	Silver Emblem: Cloister (Ephrata), Manheim, Mifflinburg
Rhode Island	Silver Emblem: Scituate (North Scituate)
	Bronze Emblem: North Kingstown
South Carolina ...	Gold Emblem: Greenville
	Silver Emblem: Bowman
	Bronze Emblem: James F. Byrnes (Duncan), Woodruff
South Dakota	Silver Emblem: Menno
	Bronze Emblem: Pierre-Oahe (Pierre)

Tennessee ..... Gold Emblem: Bradley (Cleveland), Dayton, Dickson County (Dickson), Dryersburg, Horace Maynard (Maynardville), Meigs County (Decatur), Polk (Benton), Rogersville, Warren County (McMinnville)

Texas ..... Gold Emblem: DeSoto, Cal Farleys Boys Ranch (Boys Ranch), Hamlin, Hull-Daisetta (Daisetta), Nacogdoches, Tatum
Silver Emblem: Agua Dulce, Cleburne, Cleveland, DeKalb, East Central (San Antonio), Floydada, Fort Bend (Stafford), Fredericksburg, Frisco, Frost, Godley, Judson (Converse), Katy, Lorena, Midway (Henrietta), Mineola, Mission, Sulphur Springs, Weatherford
Bronze Emblem: Ballinger, Calhoun, Crockett, Dodd City, Hereford, Mabank

Utah ..... Gold Emblem: Bear River (Tremonton)
Silver Emblem: Fillmore, Sky View (Smithfield), Springville

Vermont ..... Bronze Emblem: Brattleboro, St. Albans

Virginia ..... Gold Emblem: Appomattox, Montevideo (Penn Laird), C. T. Smith (Ladysmith), Turner Ashby (Dayton)
Bronze Emblem: John S. Battle (Bristol), Carroll County (Hillsville)

Washington ..... Gold Emblem: Kelso
Silver Emblem: Pasco

West Virginia .... Gold Emblem: Ripley, Shady Spring
Silver Emblem: Greenbrier East (Lewisburg)
Bronze Emblem: Mannington

Wisconsin..... Gold Emblem: Bloomer, Delavan-Darien (Delavan), Denmark, Green Bay East (Green Bay), Monroe, Westby
Silver Emblem: Janesville-Parker (Janesville)
Bronze Emblem: Cadott, Evansville, Montello, Sauk Prairie (Paririe du Sac), Viroqua

Wyoming ..... Gold Emblem: Albin-Pine (Albin), Burns
Silver Emblem: Buffalo Bill (Cody)

NATIONAL CHAPTER SAFETY AWARDS

The National Chapter Safety Awards Program is designed to stimulate activities by local chapters which will result in the more widespread use of safety rules, thus lessening the tremendous suffering and loss of life, time and property that is caused each year by preventable farm accidents and fires.

The best applications from each state on the basis of one chapter per 5,000 members or major fraction thereof, were sent to their various regional offices where a panel of experts ranked them in the Gold, Silver and Bronze Emblem awards.

There were 28 Gold Emblem Chapters, 33 Silver Emblem Chapters and 25 Bronze Emblem Chapters. The winning chapters are as follows:

Alabama	Silver Emblem:	Crossville
	Bronze Emblem:	York West End (York)
Arizona	Silver Emblem:	Gilbert
	Bronze Emblem:	Monument Valley (Kayenta)
Arkansas	Gold Emblem:	Mansfield
	Silver Emblem:	Magnet Cove (Malvern)
Colorado	Gold Emblem:	Eaton-Highland (Eaton), Larimer County (Fort Collins)
Connecticut	Gold Emblem:	Housatonic Valley (Falls Village)
Florida	Gold Emblem:	Santa Fe "Senior" (Alachua), South Sumter (Bushnell)
Georgia	Gold Emblem:	Pelham
	Bronze Emblem:	Newton County (Covington)
Idaho	Silver Emblem:	Cambridge, Payette
Illinois	Gold Emblem:	Triad (St. Jacob)
	Bronze Bmblem:	Tonica
Indiana	Gold Emblem:	Brownstown
	Silver Emblem:	Benton Central (Oxford)
Iowa	Gold Emblem:	Audubon, South Hamilton (Jewell)
	Silver Emblem:	New Hampton
Kansas	Gold Emblem:	Fort Scott
	Bronze Emblem:	Hill City
Kentucky	Bronze Emblem:	East Hardin (Glendale), Taylorsville
Louisiana	Silver Emblem:	Saline
	Bronze Emblem:	Jena, Slidell
Maine	Silver Emblem:	Limestone
Maryland	Gold Emblem:	Walkersville
	Bronze Emblem:	Damascus
Michigan	Silver Emblem:	Hastings, Ovid-Elsie (Elsie)
	Bronze Emblem:	Bangor (East Arlington), Reed City
Minnesota	Gold Emblem:	Faribault
	Silver Emblem:	Eagle Bend

Mississippi	Silver Emblem: Stone (Wiggins)
	Bronze Emblem: Pine Grove (Ripley)
Missouri	Gold Emblem: East Prairie
Montana	Bronze Emblem: Columbus
Nebraska	Gold Emblem: St. Edward
	Bronze Emblem: Kimball
Nevada	Gold Emblem: Ruby Mountain (Elko)
New Hampshire ...	Gold Emblem: Colebrook
New Jersey	Gold Emblem: North Hunterdon Regional (Annandale)
	Silver Emblem: Belvidere
New Mexico	Bronze Emblem: Tucumcari
New York	Silver Emblem: Lisbon
	Bronze Emblem: Salem
North Carolina ..	Silver Emblem: North Iredell (Olin), North Lenoir (LaGrange)
North Dakota	Silver Emblem: Rugby
	Bronze Emblem: Williston
Ohio	Gold Emblem: River View (Warsaw)
	Silver Emblem: Big Walnut (Sunbury)
Oklahoma	Silver Emblem: Thomas
Oregon	Gold Emblem: Silverton
	Silver Emblem: Canby
Pennsylvania	Silver Emblem: Mifflinburg
South Carolina ..	Silver Emblem: Greenville
	Bronze Emblem: Bowman
South Dakota	Silver Emblem: Hoven, Viborg
Tennessee	Silver Emblem: Greenback, Warren County (McMinnville)
	Bronze Emblem: Clinton, Dyersburg, Horace Maynard (Maynardville)
Texas	Gold Emblem: Klein (Spring)
	Silver Emblem: Floydada
Vermont	Bronze Emblem: Lake Region (Orleans), Oxbow (Bradford)
Virginia	Gold Emblem: C. T. Smith (Ladysmith)
	Silver Emblem: Montevideo (Penn Laird)
	Bronze Emblem: Tunstall (Dry Fork)
Washington	Gold Emblem: Eatonville
	Silver Emblem: Kelso
West Virginia ...	Gold Emblem: Mannington
	Silver Emblem: Greenbrier East (Lewisburg)
Wisconsin	Gold Emblem: Green Bay East (Green Bay), Monroe
Wyoming	Gold Emblem: Frontier (Cheyenne)
	Silver Emblem: Burns, Gillette

BUILDING OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

A contemporary, exciting and challenging program was recognized for the third time at this year's convention. The FFA-BOAC program is designed to provide total involvement of FFA members in meaningful programs designed to meet the determined needs of every community. It provides opportunities for FFA chapters to organize for action to make their community a better place in which to live and work and to take pride in telling about their accomplishments.

Gold Emblem ratings were awarded to 33 chapters, Silver Emblem to 58 chapters and Bronze Emblem to 33 chapters. Four regional winners were selected and appropriate recognition given them at the national convention.

Bloomer Chapter, Bloomer, Wisconsin--National Winner
Hamilton Chapter, Hamilton, New York--North Atlantic Regional Winner
Richfield Chapter, Richfield, Utah--Pacific Regional Winner
William Campbell Chapter, Naruna, Virginia--Southern Regional Winner

Alabama	Silver Emblem:	Boaz
Arizona	Bronze Emblem:	St. David, Tempe
Arkansas	Gold Emblem:	Magnet Cove (Malvern), Mansfield
California	Silver Emblem:	Hilmar, Winters
Colorado	Gold Emblem:	Eaton-Highland (Eaton)
	Silver Emblem:	Yuma
Connecticut	Silver Emblem:	Housatonic Valley (Falls Village)
Florida	Gold Emblem:	Interlachen, Santa Fe "Senior" (Alachua)
Georgia	Silver Emblem:	Pelham
	Bronze Emblem:	Valley Point (Dalton)
Hawaii	Bronze Emblem:	Kohala, Waialua
Idaho	Silver Emblem:	Bear Lake (Montpelier), Marsh Valley (Arimo)
Illinois	Gold Emblem:	Sycamore, Warren (Monmouth)
	Bronze Emblem:	Southwestern (Piasa)
Indiana	Silver Emblem:	Columbia City
	Bronze Emblem:	Crothersville
Iowa	Gold Emblem:	Winterset
	Bronze Emblem	New Hampton
Kansas	Gold Emblem:	Fort Scott
	Bronze Emblem:	Hill City
Kentucky	Gold Emblem:	Fulton County (Hickman), Lyon County (Eddyville)
Louisiana	Silver Emblem:	Oak Grove, Saline
Maine	Gold Emblem:	Limestone
	Bronze Emblem:	Sanford
Maryland	Gold Emblem:	Walkersville
	Bronze Emblem:	North Garrett (Accident)

Michigan	Silver Emblem:	Petoskey
	Bronze Emblem:	Marshall
Minnesota	Silver Emblem:	Parkers Prairie, Watertown
Mississippi	Silver Emblem:	Walnut
	Bronze Emblem:	Stone (Wiggins)
Missouri	Bronze Emblem:	Cameron, East Prairie
Montana	Bronze Emblem:	Wibaux
Nebraska	Bronze Emblem:	Kimball, Pierce
Nevada	Bronze Emblem:	Ruby Mountain (Elko)
New Jersey	Silver Emblem:	Belvidere
	Bronze Emblem:	Warren Hills (Washington)
New Mexico	Gold Emblem:	Des Moines, Las Cruces
New York	Gold Emblem:	Hamilton, Greenville
North Carolina ..	Gold Emblem:	East Montgomery (Biscoe)
	Silver Emblem:	Clyde A. Erwin (Asheville)
North Dakota	Bronze Emblem:	Central Valley (Buxton), Rugby
Ohio	Gold Emblem:	Buckeye Valley (Delaware), Marlington (Alliance)
Oklahoma	Gold Emblem:	John Marshall (Oklahoma City)
	Bronze Emblem:	Webbers Falls
Oregon	Silver Emblem:	Hood River Valley (Hood River), Silverton
Pennsylvania	Gold Emblem:	Brockway, Northern Lebanon (Fredericksburg)
	Silver Emblem:	Grassland (New Holland)
Rhode Island	Silver Emblem:	Scituate (North Scituate)
South Carolina ..	Silver Emblem:	Bowman, Greenville
South Dakota	Silver Emblem:	New Underwood
	Bronze Emblem:	Chamberlain
Tennessee	Silver Emblem:	Warren (McMinnville)
	Bronze Emblem:	Polk (Benton)
Texas	Silver Emblem:	Frost, Klein (Spring)
Utah	Gold Emblem:	Richfield, Tooele
Vermont	Silver Emblem:	Craftsbury (Craftsbury Common)
	Bronze Emblem:	Lake Region (Orleans)
Virginia	Gold Emblem:	William Campbell (Naruna), Appomattox
	Silver Emblem:	Turner Ashby (Dayton)
Washington	Gold Emblem:	Eatonville
	Silver Emblem:	Grandview
West Virginia ...	Gold Emblem:	Ripley, Shady Spring
Wisconsin	Gold Emblem:	Bloomer
	Silver Emblem:	Green Bay East (Green Bay), Janesville-Parker (Janesville)
Wyoming	Gold Emblem:	Burns, Thermopolis

AGRICULTURAL PROFICIENCY AWARDS

Sixty regional winners of the 15 Agricultural Proficiency Awards met for a luncheon with persons from government, business and industry who served as judges. The judging of each of the 15 areas was done on the basis of interviews and information submitted to the FFA by regional winners. Each national winner received a check in the amount of $250.00 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc., and regional winners a check for $200.00. Following are Agricultural Proficiency Award winners who were recognized at the 1973 National FFA Convention:

AGRICULTURAL ELECTRIFICATION

Curtis Ray Massey, Coffee Springs, Alabama - National Winner
Douglas R. Allen, Thornville, Ohio - Central Regional Winner
Bruce Osborne, South Kent, Connecticut - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Don Bleak, Thermopolis, Wyoming - Pacific Regional Winner

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

James E. Anderson, Longmont, Colorado - National Winner
David L. Boyd, Tipton, Indiana - Central Regional Winner
Carroll E. Crum, Keymar, Maryland - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Thomas Edward Minton, Gadsden, Alabama - Southern Regional Winner

AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING

Scott Bethell, Andalusia, Illinois - National Winner
Robert H. Midkiff, Rupert, West Virginia - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Daryl Heimbichner, Billings, Montana - Pacific Regional Winner
Daniel James Fauchier, Taloga, Oklahoma - Southern Regional Winner

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND/OR SERVICE

Bryce E. Westlake, Kinnear, Wyoming - National Winner
Raymond Shultz, Milan, Missouri - Central Regional Winner
Stephen Purcell, Hilltown, Pennsylvania - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Anthony Thomason, Toccoa, Georgia - Southern Regional Winner

CROP PRODUCTION

Jerry James Moore, Osage, Iowa - National Winner
Gregory E. Bell, Limestone, Maine, North Atlantic Regional Winner
Kenneth Lee Bushman, Quincy, Washington, Pacific Regional Winner
Randy Rickman, Milledgeville, Tennessee, Southern Regional Winner

DAIRY PRODUCTION

Allan H. Brisson, Shoreham, Vermont - National Winner
Lonnie W. Heckmaster, Carthage, Missouri - Central Regional Winner
Richard Lapp, Fort Morgan, Colorado - Pacific Regional Winner
Richard Lanier Key, Eatonton, Georgia - Southern Regional Winner

FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Ronald Frelich, Maribel, Wisconsin - National Winner
Richard Corkell, Denton, Maryland - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Donn Eugene Leffler, Greeley, Colorado - Pacific Regional Winner
Shane Hohman, Camp Wood, Texas - Southern Regional Winner

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Wick Coleman, Ruther Glen, Virginia - National Winner
Edward R. Kienbaum, Merrill, Wisconsin - Central Regional Winner
Timothy A. Weller, Beavertown, Pennsylvania - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Miles Souders, Kendrick, Idaho - Pacific Regional Winner

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Jim Collins, Hopkins, Missouri - National Winner
Thomas W. Stevenson, Jr., Gaithersburg, Maryland - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Don Brown, Yuma, Colorado - Pacific Regional Winner
Darrell Blaine Miller, Rural Retreat, Virginia - Southern Regional Winner

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Michael Duane Kendall, Emmett, Idaho - National Winner
Warren Owens, Marshall, Michigan - Central Regional Winner
Bill Robertson, Kingwood, West Virginia - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Jim Morris, Rome, Georgia - Southern Regional Winner

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

Rene Van Wingerden, Carpinteria, California - National Winner
Steve Stull, Delaware, Ohio - Central Regional Winner
Mark Messier, Jewett City, Connecticut - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Gary W. Avery, Delray Beach, Florida - Southern Regional Winner

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Ted Allen, Ontario, Oregon - National Winner
Gary Robert Moffett, Marysville, Ohio - Central Regional Winner
James Cote, Limestone, Maine - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Linda McDaniel, Big Sandy, Tennessee - Southern Regional Winner

PLACEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Rafael Encinas, Rio Oso, California - National Winner
Larry Bates, Libson, Ohio - Central Regional Winner
Dennis Savage, Boyds, Maryland - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Mike Fuller, Enterprise, Alabama - Southern Regional Winner

POULTRY PRODUCTION

Anthony Wells, Rainsville, Alabama - National Winner
Tim Lipetzky, Clements, Minnesota - Central Regional Winner
Lorence Sweatt, Errol, New Hampshire - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Mike Kayser, Castle Rock, Washington - Pacific Regional Winner

SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Roy Haines, Wiggins, Mississippi - National Winner
Kenneth Bingle, Risingsun, Ohio - Central Regional Winner
Richard V. Snuffer, II, Surveyor, West Virginia - North Atlantic Regional Winner
Angelo Spada, Woodburn, Oregon - Pacific Regional Winner

NATIONAL FFA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National FFA Public Speaking Contest is held in Kansas City, Missouri. It is the final elimination of a nationwide contest that started in local chapters, with winners progressing through area or federation competition, then state contests, and four regional contests.

Each of the four members who participated in the national contest already had won a medal at the local chapter level and a $100.00 prize at the state level. The winner of the national contest received $300.00. Other awards were $275.00 for second, $250.00 for third and $225.00 for fourth. All awards and travel funds are provided by the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Inc.

Each contestant spoke from six to eight minutes on an agricultural subject of his own choosing, then was subjected to five minutes of questioning by the judges. Scoring was done on the basis of speech delivery, manuscript and answers to questions.

JUDGES

B. Harold Anderson, Head, Department of Vocational Education, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
Russell Pierson, President, National Association of Farm Broadcasters, WKY-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
John G. Plowden, Vice President, Agricultural Chemical Division, CIBA-GEIGY Corporation, Greensboro, North Carolina

TIMEKEEPERS

Walker F. Agnew, Regional Commissioner of Education, Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Arthur R. Kurtz, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture, Madison, Wisconsin

SPEAKERS

First Place--Neil Bowman, Yuma, Arizona, Chapter
I'M PROUD TO BE A FUTURE FARMER
Second Place--Tom Alan Stribling, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Chapter
MEET THE EFFICIENT AMERICAN FARMER
Third Place--Robert R. Meyer, Loyal, Wisconsin, Chapter
TIME TO FIGHT BACK
Fourth Place--Bradley Hurst, Aurora, West Virginia, Chapter
TOMORROW: FEAST OR FAMINE?

I'M PROUD TO BE A FUTURE FARMER
Neil Bowman, Yuma, Arizona

Why are you a farmer? Why are you a farmer? During my past four years in high school this is the most frequent question I have been asked. And you know what? I really never tried to answer that question. Oh, I might have given some short answer. But, I never tried to tell anyone completely why I chose to join the Future Farmers of America, an organization that has grown to be a part of my life.

It was a group of eager youths, wanting to do something to improve the future of agriculture that organized the Future Farmers of America back in 1928. Since then it has grown to a membership of over 430,000 in almost 8,000 chapters in 50 associations.

Our organization is designed for the development of a special kind of power in its youth and directing this power to meaningful and worthwhile activity. Driving down the road the other day I saw a shiny new combine in a wheat field. You could hear the well-tuned engine far away. Power? Plenty of it! And I wondered. How much could this machine deliver in a real test? What could she do under the direction of a master driver? Every time I turn the ignition of a car, press an electric switch, and do a hundred other things which commonly become routine, I am more and more conscious of the fact that hidden power is being released.

It was here in Kansas City last year when I saw the Future Farmers of America in action at the time of our National Convention that I got the real power thrill. Conducting the delegate business on the floor of the convention, judging livestock at the American Royal - in every activity in which we members engage, there is hidden power coming into play. "It is surely a demonstration of American youth with energies and forces directed along constructive vocational and citizenship lines - youth, eager and hopeful, gaining first-hand experience." Power? Oh my, yes! Unlimited power; but a kind quite different from the airplane, car, weapon of warfare, or that shiny new combine. Why? Because there is a power of mind in addition to physical power.

The success of FFA can be summed up in one word - "Challenge - Challenge." It challenges the timid freshman to write and deliver a speech. It challenges the eager sophomore to master parliamentary procedure. It motivates the members of the local chapter to work together to acheive common goals or to perform community

services. It challenges all of its members to achieve excellence in the performance of their occupational choice and to develop leadership abilities.

Many liberal groups today consider us squares because we believe it is our responsibility to be a producer; a contributor to our society and to receive a day's pay only after completing a day's work. Symbolic of our hard work and faith in the soil is the plow in our emblem situated upon a tilled field.

Another one of the signs on our emblem is the rising sun. "Just as the rising sun is God's announcement of a new day, we as young Americans stand on the threshold of the most dynamic and glowing future ever to unfold before man." We are preparing to stand face to face with the demanding challenge of our agricultural occupations. We are challenged to become involved in local community, school, church and family affairs; to conserve the precious but diminishing natural resources across our land; and to earn the dignified respect that agriculture deserves in our economy and our national life.

When James Garfield was asked what he meant to do in life, he answered, "First of all I must make myself a man. If I do not succeed in that, I can succeed in nothing." The purpose of the FFA is to develop boys and girls into men and women. And does this organization build men and women? Observe your chapter officers as they perform the opening ceremonies, watch a livestock judging team at work, look at Dwight Seegmiller, National President, or visit with a State Farmer, attend a State or National Convention, observe today's leaders with a background in the FFA - then give me <u>your</u> answer.

"FFA unites youth with opportunities," "FFA unites youth with opportunities" is the 1973 theme for FFA throughout the entire nation. Most young people are ready for action. Energy is our greatest asset. Youth united with career opportunities can use their energy to make great contributions to America's agriculture.

Future Farmers, agriculture is our heritage, our business, and our way of life. And yes, agriculture is the strength of America. Furthermore, we will soon be the ones who will determine whether or not this American agriculture will remain strong and whether or not our way of life will be passed on to future generations.

I feel President Nixon summed it all up at our 40th National Convention right here in Kansas City, when he said, "I know of

no other organization which has in its hands, the strength and the power not only to feed America and clothe America, but to lead America, than the Future Farmers of America."

I wish now that everyone who has asked me, "Why are you a farmer?" could have just heard my answer. If everyone could experience the opportunities that the FFA has to offer, they would know why I love the FFA and why it has become a part of my life.

When I joined the Future Farmers of America back in 1969, I was that timid freshman challenged to write and deliver that speech. Since then I have continually used the FFA as the vital tool to develop my agricultural and leadership abilities, working harder and harder to achieve new goals which always lay before me, keeping in mind all this time that it is because of the farmer that I am here today.

A great statesman, Daniel Webster, once said, "When tillage begins, other arts follow." The farmers therefore are the founders of human civilization.

FFA isn't all work. FFA is also having fun and making new friends. Just think of the excitement building up here at the National Convention, the kind that was also present at your own State Convention or Field Day. All of this, shaping your future.

FFA members regard this future as a trust - "A trust to serve each other and those less fortunate than ourselves." We rely heavily on our vocational agriculture training, our friends in the community, and our leadership experience in the FFA to accomplish these worthwhile objectives. Whether we now realize it or not the FFA has given us experience, leadership and memories that will last an entire lifetime.

I honestly can't tell you how the other 430,000 members feel about the Future Farmers of America. But, this I know, and I know with my whole heart, "I'm proud to be a Future Farmer of America."

NATIONAL FFA CONTESTS

An important part of each National FFA Convention is the National FFA Contests. All six National Contests -- Agricultural Mechanics, Dairy Cattle, Livestock, Meats, Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, and Poultry--are conducted in Kansas City. The winning teams and the high scoring individuals receive special trophies. The contests and the national winners are listed below.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS--41 State Teams Participated

First Place--MINNESOTA. The team was composed of Richard Penning, Donald Rutgers and Joel Joens, and coached by John Wright, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Worthington Senior High School, Worthington, Minnesota.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ted Colflesh, Delaware, Ohio
2. Chris Smith, Wenatchee, Washington
3. Chris Bergstedt, Petaluma, California
4. Jim Summers, Troy, Missouri
5. Steve Lenz, Fessenden, North Dakota

DAIRY CATTLE--46 State Teams Participated

First Place--IDAHO. The team was composed of Royce Thornton, Ross Butler and Mark Doramus, and coached by Keith Hyatt, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Kuna High School, Kuna, Idaho.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Randy Clark, Quarryville, Pennsylvania
2. Dean Heisner, Peotone, Illinois
3. Tom Sumners, Athens, Tennessee
4. William Telgen, Middlebury, Vermont
5. Ken Wood, Stanwood, Washington and Shelly Masso, North Scituate Rhode Island

LIVESTOCK--48 State Teams Participated

First Place--OKLAHOMA. The team was composed of Bob Scott, Darell Oestmann and Virgil Brandon, and coached by Mickey Burns, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Newkirk High Schook, Newkirk, Oklahoma.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Ron Knopp, Fort Morgan, Colorado
2. Darell Oestmann, Newkirk, Oklahoma
3. Orville Stanley, Napoleon, North Dakota
4. Bob Scott, Newkirk, Oklahoma
5. Curt Epler, Burns, Wyoming

MEATS--39 State Teams Participated

First Place--TEXAS. The team was composed of Larry Eckert, Casey Zesch and Rod Zimmerman, and coached by Jay Marek, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Mason High School, Mason, Texas.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Rod Zimmerman, Mason, Texas
2. Casey Zesch, Mason, Texas
3. Alan Couto, Hanford, California
4. Larry Eckert, Mason, Texas
5. Mike Tacts, Osage, Iowa

MILK QUALITY AND DAIRY FOODS--34 State Teams Participated

First Place--CALIFORNIA. The team was composed of Sue Urias, Judy Hickerson and Joan Lewotsky, and coached by Delvert Clement, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Righetti High School, Santa Maria, California.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Joan Lewotsky, Santa Maria, California
2. Jeff Olson, Smithfield, Utah
3. Florence Dean, Ripley, Oklahoma
4. Ivan Crews, Licking, Missouri
5. Terri Sellon, Osage, Iowa

POULTRY--37 State Teams Participated

First Place--ARKANSAS. The team was composed of Rick Camp, Steve Danforth and Sam Cluck, and coached by Dennis Mason, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Arkansas.

The five high scoring individuals were:

1. Curtis Mills, Denver, Indiana
2. Chet Taylor, Dade City, Florida
3. Steve Danforth, Lincoln, Arkansas
4. Rick Camp, Lincoln, Arkansas
5. Mike Bienz, Burns, Wyoming

THE FFA CREED

I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words but of deeds--achievements won by the present and past generations of agriculturists; in the promise of better days through better ways, even as the better things we now enjoy have come up to us from the struggles of former years.

I believe that to live and work on a good farm, or to be engaged in other agricultural pursuits, is pleasant as well as challenging; for I know the joys and discomforts of agricultural life and hold an inborn fondness for those associations which, even in hours of discouragement, I cannot deny.

I believe in leadership from ourselves and respect from others. I believe in my own ability to work efficiently and think clearly, with such knowledge and skill as I can secure, and in the ability of progressive agriculturists to serve our own and the public interest in producing and marketing the product of our toil.

I believe in less dependence on begging and more power in bargaining; in the life abundant and enough honest wealth to help make it so--for others, as well as myself; in less need for charity and more of it when needed; in being happy myself and playing square with those whose happiness depends upon me.

I believe that rural America can and will hold true to the best traditions in our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

The Creed was written by E. M. Tiffany, and adopted at the 3rd National Convention of the FFA. (Revised at the 38th Convention.)